# For Rwanda Refugees, Death in a Foreign City's Streets

By Barry James International Herold Tribune

refugees in Zaire on Thursday, prompting President Bill Clinton to step up the U.S. response to the "human catastrophe" of thousands dying from the disease and other causes.

With more than a million refugees crowded into the Zairean town of Goma, lacking food, water and sanitation, overwhelmed aid agencies said they could do little to stem the cholera epidemic.

"You can expect between 10,000 to 50,000 cases," said a doctor for the French medical aid organization Doctors Without Borders. Half of those afflicted can

be expected to die, he added. Criticized for doing too little to stem the crisis, Mr. Clinton said he would amounce on Friday a practi-

Cholera raged ont of control among Rwandan problem and dealing with the other aspects of this fugees in Zaire on Thursday, prompting President human catastrophe." Mr. Clinton said. The world body, seeking \$300 million in additional aid as well as aircraft, trucks and water carriers, has scheduled a fund-raising conference for Friday.

J. Brian Atwood, Mr. Clinton's special representative to Rwanda, said that steps being taken included improving the airport at Goma to handle more supplies and opening up a new truck route.

The filthy camps around Goma were in such tur-moil that aid agencies were unable to assess the scale

Reuters reported that up to 1,000 sick were lying on the black volcanic rock around medical tents at one camp. Doctors Without Borders used up 4,600 liters (1,200 gallons) of intravenous fluid, the only treat-

"We are going to participate, indeed, in trying to lead the United Nations in responding to the cholera problem and dealing with the other aspects of this human catastrophe," Mr. Clinton said. The world body, seeking \$300 million in additional aid as well as at one teeming camp said in an interview with Reu-

> Cholera is a fulminating disease spread by water and food infected with fecal matter. Most people in Goma are having to take water from Lake Kivu, which is contaminated. Victims lose liquid and can die within hours unless the liquid is replaced.
>
> Governments and relief organizations around the

world stepped up efforts to ship in supplies, but they were overwhelmed by the scale of the exodus, and there was a limit to how much they could send in through the airport at Goma, which has a cratered runway and limited facilities.

needed, on top of 3.8 million liters of clean water. That is more than twice the food that was needed in Somalia at the height of last year's famine. But the aid agencies are able to deliver only a fraction of the food

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees called on governments to intervene directly in the crisis with military-style operations. The humanitarian agencies on their own "cannot cope." said Sadako Ogata. She said that a poliocal solution was desperately needed so that the refugees could return to Rwanda, where food has been left to rot.

The victorious Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front has given assurances that it will not carry out reprisals among innocent members of the Hutu majority, de-

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## U.S. Asks UN To Clear Way For Action Against Haiti

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches UNITED NATIONS, New York -The United States is seeking approval from the UN Security Council for a multinational force to use "all necessary means" to re-store democracy in Haiti, the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Madeleine

K. Albright, said Thursday. Mrs. Albright did not use the word "invasion," but "all necessary means" is understood to mean military intervention. The term was used when the UN Security Council authorized action to expel the Iraqi forces that invaded Kuwait in 1991.

The announcement of the consultations with Security Council members was the first explicit acknowledgment that the administration was seeking a green light from the United Nations to use force in Haiti. If

If the U.S. invades Haiti, it plans to disurna Haitians to avoid a repeat of Somalia. Page 3.

a multinational force is formed, U.S. troops are expected to make up a large

majority.
There has been no decision on an invasion, and oo deadline has been set," Mrs. Albright said. "But we want to provide the diplomatic groundwork for whatever op-

She said the United States wanted the Security Council to approve a resolution by the end of next week. However, it was not certain whether Washington could muster the required support from the 15member council for its position.

Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff has joined Mrs. Albright in making soundings on the issue among Security Council members, a State Department spokesman said in Washington.

The White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said the resolution "will allow, if necessary, a force to go into a hostile environment to create a permissive envi-

Mrs. Albright said the resolution would also authorize another force to go in "once the military leaders have left." Under the current proposal, UN peace-

keepers would be deployed to Haiti in the aftermath of an invasion.

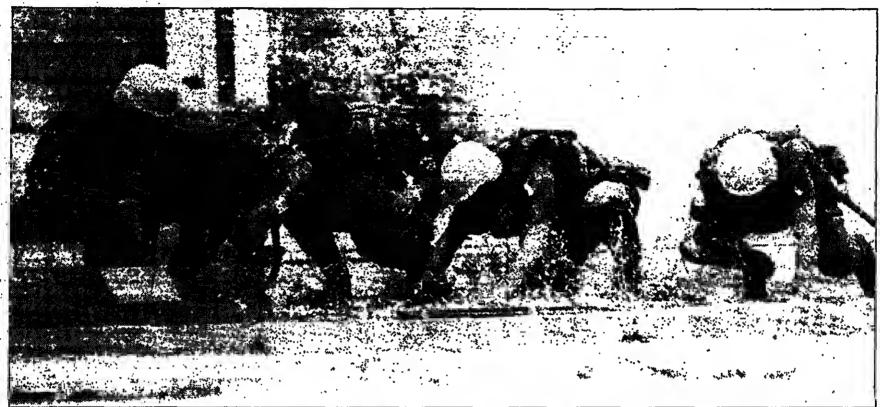
Hartian military leaders are the focus of

U.S. and international pressure to step down and allow the return of the democratically elected president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was deposed by a military coup in September 1991.

The State Department spokesman, David Johnson, stressed that the administra-tion's preferred solution was for Haiti's emilitary leadership to depart voluntarily.

Meanwhile, more than 100 members of

Congress have signed a letter to President Bill Clinton asking him to seek congressional approval before committing U.S. (Reuters, AP) troops to Haiti.



Five French and Ukrainian soldiers in the UN peace force ducking Thursday in Sarajevo under machine-gun fire from Serbs in the surrounding mountains.

## Bosnia Serbs Seek Map Change and Further Talks

By David B. Ottaway

BELGRADE - The Bosnian Serbian tors that it will insist on negotiating an overall peace package for ending the Bosnian conflict and that it will not accept their proposed plan for partitioning the country along ethnic lines unless unspeci-fied changes are made in the borders.

Making known their stand on the parti-tion plan, the Bosnian Serbs declared Thursday that they would decide only after an agreement was reached on six additional issues and "further work" was done on the map detailing how Bosnia is to be divided between the Muslim-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serbs' own self-declared republic.

The position of the Bosnian Serbs sparked a sharp reaction Thursday from President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, who said in Sarajevo that the Muslims' own "unconditional yes" had ceased to be valid, and that they, too, would add condi-

tions to their acceptance.

The five-nation Contact Group — consisting of the United States, Russia. France, Britain and Germany — had insisted on a "yes" or "no" answer to their

proposed partition map.
On Monday, the Muslim-Croat federation's assembly voted in Sarajevo to accept without any conditions the map that would give them 51 percent of Bosnia and the Bossian Serbs the rest.

But the Bosnian Scrbian Parliament said in a "declaration" adopted Tuesday that they were "not in a position to decide" about the partition plan, which would re-See BOSNIA, Page 8

The Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, leaving Geneva on Thursday after talks with international mediators.

## South African Blacks Press For Workplace Equality

Washington Post Service

JOHANNESBURG - With apartheid finally dead, a black South African mine worker, Nkosingthi Msesizwe, figured there was no longer any reason why he could not climb aboard a mine shaft elevator filled with whites. He figured wrong, and now he sports a nasty gash over his left

"They told him, "This hoist is for whites; it's not for you," said Benedict Thaba, a union organizer at an 11,000-employee gold mine west of Johannesburg, where white miners have always jumped the line ahead of blacks onto elevators that carry them to the surface at the end of their

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This was not an isolated confrontation. In the two months since South Africa completed its journey from white-minority to black-majority rule, racial incidents have flared in many of the country's mines, with blacks pressing to purge all vestiges of apartheid from the workplace and whites clinging to old ways.

Meanwhile, a broader wave of labor unrest, sparked by both economic and racial grievances, has hit several above-ground industries, leading to a surge in strikes and picket-line militancy around the country.

With the new post-apartheid government struggling to carry out social and economic agendas geared toward moder-ate redistribution of wealth and opportunity, the workplace has become the first test of how South Africa's political revolution will change people's everyday lives. The early verdict, in a society still polar-

ized by race, is: with great difficulty. "Black workers are felling their union leaders and management that now that the politics of the country has been democratized, there are certain things they won't put up with any longer at work," said Brian Allen, a labor consultant whose

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#### Solzhenitsyn Arrives Back in Moscow

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - Alexander L Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel prize winning author, said Thursday that his eight-week journey across Russia had shown him a land in a "pit," in danger of strangulation by crime, but with enough spiritual health left to give hope for revival.

The former dissident arrived in Mos-cow for the first time in 20 years, ending a return from exile that began in May on Russia's Pacific Coast. Mr. Solzhenitsyn was met at a city rail station by Moscow's mayor and more than 1,000 wellwishers and passers-by.

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## **Dollar Soars** As Clinton's Aides Renew Commitment

#### Treasury Official Fears Weak Currency Could **Hurt Global Recovery**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch NEW YORK — U.S. government offi-cials tried to talk the dollar higher for a second straight day Thursday, and this time it worked.

Just a day after dropping despite pros-pects for higher interest rates, the dollar surged on investors' assessment that U.S. officials were finally prepared to act to strengthen their currency.

The rally was fueled by comments from Lawrence Summers, the undersecretary of the U.S. Treasury, who told the Senate Banking Committee that "a renewed decline of the dollar would be counterproductive to global recovery.

Mr. Summers's remarks came on the heels of a similar tack taken by Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, who also suggested that the cen-tral bank was inclined to raise interest rates sooner rather than later.

The dollar got another boost from Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the head of President Bill Clinton's council of economic advi-sors, who said a 25-basis-point increase in interest rates would not choke off the ecooomic recovery.

The dollar's leap came on the day the Bundesbank held its last meeting before the summer recess and decided oot to cut official rates and to leave its money supply target unchanged.

The dollar closed in New York at 1,5925 Deutsche marks, up from 1.5639 Wednesday, at 5.4435 French francs, up from 5.3630, and at 1.3477 Swiss francs, up from 1.3190. The British pound numbled to \$1.5240 from \$1.5465.

The dollar's rally was less pronounced against the yen; it traded at 99.150 yen, up from 98.685 Wednesday.

"This could be a watershed day for the dollar," said Keith Cheveralls, director of foreign-exchange trading at Bank of Boston. The Fed has always opposed a lower dollar. Now, for the first time in a loog while, the Fed and the administration are talking in the same voice about the curren-

Mr. Summers not only poured water oo the idea that Mr. Chinton endorsed a weak currency to trim the country's trade deficit, but actually said the government would work to strengthen the dollar.

The administration believes that a strengthening of the dollar against the yen and mark would have important economic benefits for the United States," Mr. Summers said. "It would restore the confidence in financial markets that is important to sustaining recovery. It would boost the attractiveness of U.S. assets and the incentive for longer-term investment in the economy and help to keep inflation low." His remarks were the strongest call yet from the Clinton administration in sup-

port of reversing the dollar's slide. Mr. Summers denied that the United States was manipulating the dollar's exchange rate with the yen and said Japan needed to open its markets and stimulate domestic demand to correct its current

account imbalance. However, he also said that officials from the Group of Seven industrialized countries had agreed that currency rates should not be left wholly to market forces.

The dollar got some help from Hans Tietmeyer, the president of the Bundes-bank, who said the German central bank

also favored a strong dollar.

But the dollar's rally did not convince some analysts that the currency's long slide had ended. The fundamentals are unchanged,"

said Nick Stamenkovic, with DKB International. "Treasuries are still weak and will remain unsettled until the next Fed tightening and overseas investors will be reluctant to buy U.S. assets until Treasur-

The price of the bench of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond edged up 1/32 point Thursday, to 84 28/32, with the yield steady at 7.54 percent.

Mark Geddes, with Midland Global

Markets in London, said: "I'm not convinced the dollar is out of the woods yet. I'm still very negative. Today's correction does oot take away from the near-term downward trend."

(Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

## Spin of Smithsonian's Hiroshima Script Under Fire

By Eugene L. Meyer Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - As a strategic act that hastened the end of a costly global war, America's use of the atomic bomb against Hiroshima and Nagasaki stirred only relief back home.

But almost ever since, it has been cause for recrimination. Little surprise, then, that passions are aroused by the Smithsonian Institution's plans for an exhibit marking the 50th anniversary.

Thomas Crouch, chairman of the museum's Aeronautics Department, has said the museum intends to "tell the whole story." Critics, however, accuse the Smithsonian of choosing political correctness over historical accuracy. They charge that the exhibit as planned will portray the Japanese largely as suffering, even noble victims and the Americans as racist and ruthless, hell-bent on revenge for Pearl Harbor.

The debate has raged even within the Smithsonian. One memo last summer to the museum director, Martin Harwit, asked pointedly: "Do you want to do an exhibit intended to make veterans feel good, or do you want an exhibition that will lead our visitors to think about the consequences of our atomic bombing of Japan? Frankly, I do not think we can do both."

Not only veterans of World War II are upset. Richard P. Hallion, the chief air force historian and a former science and technology curator at the Smithsonian's Air and Space museum, said the problem was one of "prepooderance."

Reviewing the text to accompany pictures and objects in the exhibit, he said he found, for example, "a plethora of pages and references to the brutal nature of American strategie bombing, and to Japanese casualties and suffering," while relatively few pages address Japanese aggres-

John T. Correll, editor-in-chief of Air Force magazine, publication of the 180,000-member Air Force Association, offered a more precise analysis.

He found that photos of Japanese casualties had been reduced from 49 to 32 in the revised script, while those of Americans increased from three to seven, "still a long way from balance."

To which Mr. Harwit replied: "There are people who'd like to see a different kind of exhibit entirely. "If we present a variety of points of view," he added, and critics "find some unacceptable, I'm sorry."

The planned exhibit has also drawn criticism from retired Brigadier General Paul W. Tibbets, who piloted the B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay over Hiroshima. In a speech to a military group last month, he branded the

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# Amid Shouts, Berlusconi Decree Is Canceled

ROME - After a shouting and shoving match between government allies, the measure would have stayed in effect the Chamber of Deputies overwhelm- until the cabinet rescinded it later in the ingly rejected Thursday a cabinet decree week, potentially allowing scores of oththat let scores of political corruption er corruption suspects out of jail. suspects out of jail.

The decree, approved by Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and cahinet allies expire. a week earlier, had unleashed a storm of protest and marked Mr. Berlusconi's ating retreat, he announced that the measure would be scrapped.

Thursday's Chamber of Deputies vote been fooled in approving the decree.

- 418 to 33, with 41 abstentions canceled the decree. Without the vote,

Cahinet decrees must be approved by Parliament within three months or they

Figuring in Mr. Berlusconi's aboutface was an insistence by Interior Minisfirst crisis since the media tycoon took ter Roberto Maroni that either the deoffice in May. On Monday, in a humili- cree be scrapped or he would quit, possibly putting the government at risk of collapse. Mr. Maroni said be had

Mr. Maroni is a member of the separatist Northern League, an uneasy coalition partner, and the tension between the League and Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia party turned physical Thursday.

After a Forza Italia deputy, Pietro Di

Muccio, told the Chamber that "better 1,000 delinquents free than one innocent in jail," Northern League deputies began shouting in protest. Then a shoving match began between some deputies from both sides.

By Wednesday evening, 2,137 people out of about 4,000 eligible suspects had been released from prison under the decree. Most were small-time drug deal-

ers or thieves, but close to 200 corruption suspects were released, including a former health minister. Many of those released were put under house arrest.

The decree sharply limited the kinds of suspects who can be jailed before arrest while an investigation continues. It eliminated corruption, graft and other nonviolent crime, such as fraud, from the preventive detention category.

With more than 3,000 politicians and businessmen implicated so far in the two-and-a-half-year-old nationwide kickback investigation, the jailings in effect turned into a way to persuade suspects to confess and implicate others.

## Aid Halted As Bullets **Hit Planes** At Sarajevo

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches GENEVA - The United Nations airlift to Sarajevo was suspended Thursday for the second time in two days after three aircraft were hit by bullets, one while landing and the others while taking off.

An American aboard one of the planes was wounded and was taken to a hospital in Cro-

A U.S. Air Force C-141 cargo plane, a British plane on an aid flight and a small UN plane carrying peacekeepers were hit, according to Ron Redmond, a spokesman for the United Nations Commissioner for Refu-

Mr. Redmond said the incidents occurred soon after the resumption of the airlift to the Bosnian capital. The airlift had been suspended for a half-day Wednesday after a U.S. C-141 was hit by a bullet while taking

off.
"It's bad enough that this has happened two days in a row," Mr. Redmond said. "But now, obviously, someone down there is directly targeting these planes, and that is a major concern to us."

The American who was wounded, whose name was not made public, was hit in the left thigh shortly after the UN plane got airborne. He was tak-en to Split, Croatia, for treat-ment. The British plane also was struck while taking off.

The incidents came a day before the U.S. defense secretary, William J. Perry, was due in Sarajevo.

About a mile (1.5 kilometers) away from the airport, a work party of UN peacekeepers was pinned down for 30 minutes Thursday by exchanges of gun-fire between the Bosnian Army and Serbian forces, witnesses Five peacekeepers - French

and Ukrainian — threw them-selves on the ground in the middle of an intersection on the Bosnian capital's dangerous "Sniper Alley" as bullets kicked up dust around them. Mr. Redmond said that the

American plane, which is based at Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany, was hit five times in two volleys as it approached Sarajevo with relief supplies.

The plane landed and, without unloading its cargo, turned around and took off.

"The airlift is well and truly down," Mr. Redmond said, adding that relief agencies had been able to stock up on supplies during the last two and a half "relatively peaceful"

He said experts had so far been unable to determine the

Airlift shutdowns were frequent until the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forced the warring factions to pull back jevo last winter.

Since then disruptions have

Nigeria Refuses to Meet U.S. Envoy

LAGOS (Reuters) — Nigeria's military government has told the United States that the timing of a visit by an envoy of President Bill Clinton was "not convenient" and that it could not meet him, U.S. Embassy sources said Thursday.

The envoy, Jesse Jackson, a civil rights leader, has put off his to deliver a presental letter from Mr. Clinton to Nigeria's

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trip to deliver a personal letter from Mr. Clinton to Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha, an embassy official said. Nigeria has been gripped by a renewed crisis over the annulment of last year's presidential election. A strike led by oil workers' unions to demand the restoration of democracy entered its 18th day Thursday.

**Beijing Sets Mild Tone on Spratlys** 

BANGKOK (Reuters) — China, in a dispute with several Southeast Asian countries over claims to the Spratly Islands, potentially rich in oil, said here Thursday that it was actively seeking talks to avoid a confrontation.

This conciliatory approach on the eve of regional ministerial talks came as the Philippines, one of six claimants, was set to complain to Vietnam about its activities on the islands in the South China Sea. Manila is angry that Hanoi has built lighthouses on a portion of the islands Manila has claimed.

on a portion of the islands with Taiwan, Brunei and Malaysia as the other claimants, also will be on the agenda next Monday at the inaugural meeting of the 18-nation Asian Regional Forum, which is devoted solely to security issues.

Russian Disavows Praise of Pinochet MOSCOW (Renters) — Russia's military leadership does not

MOSCOW (Renters) — Russia's mintary leadership does not share the views of a senior commander who recently praised the strong-arm methods of General Augusto Pinochet of Chile, a top Moscow commander said Thursday.

Colonel General Nikolai Samsonov, speaking to journalists after a press conference, said General Alexander Lebed appeared to have generated a pressent of the did not reflect to lead to the conference. to have expressed a personal opinion that did not reflect top-level military thinking in Russia. The role of Pinochet, his methods

and his approach to the solution of economic problems" were not suitable, Colonel Samsonov said. In an interview published in Izvestia on Wednesday, General Lebed said he did not generally support General Pinochet, who seized power in 1973 in a coup that killed hundreds, but then went on to praise his role in silencing "londmouths" and establishing

A 15th Journalist Is Slain in Algeria

ALGIERS (AP) — Assailants killed an Algerian journalist during the night in front of his home in the southern town of Bou Saada, security forces said Thursday.

Mohammed Lamine Legoui, 49, of the Algerian Press Agency, was the 15th journalist slain since a Muslim fundamentalist

insurgency began two and a half years ago.

The assailants fled and there was no claim of responsibility. But suspicion fell on Muslim militants who have also targeted intellectuals, teachers, officials and foreigners in violence that has left at least 4,000 people dead, including 51 foreigners.

**Egypt Aide Calls for Ties With Iran** 

CAIRO (AFP) — Foreign Minister Amr Monssa said Egypt and Iran should resume diplomatic contacts for the "good of the Muslim world," the semiolificial newspaper Al Ahram reported on

Mr. Moussa was quoted as having told a meeting of 1,500 Muslim clerics here that he and Foreign Minister Ali Akhar Velayati of Iran agreed "that we could close the page of the past." Iran cut its-ties with Egypt in 1979, after Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel and gave refuge to the deposed shah of Iran.

#### Strike to Carb South France Flights

PARIS (AFP) - A three-day strike by air traffic controllers will disrupt international flights over southern France starting Friday, reducing traffic by half, airport authorities said Thursday. All airlines that serve southeastern France, Spain's Mediterra nean coast and the Balearic Islands, as well as any that fly over

those areas, will be affected. Aeroports de Paris said France's domestic airline, Air Inter, said it would cancel 40 percent of its scheduled flights from Marseille and all flights to Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon and Nantes during the strike.

Alitalia flight attendants in the SULTA union called off a strike that had been set for Thursday and Friday. A four-hour suike threatened on Saturday by air traffic controllers at Milan's Linate

airport was also canceled. Japan Airlines has applied to the Japanese Transport Ministry to cut its air fares on European routes by an average 43.5 percent. company officials said Thursday. The average fare for a roundtrip flight to 63 European cities, including London, Paris and Frankfurt, would be lowered by about 120,000 yen (\$1,200) from a year earlier, the officials said. The new rates are expected to be

introduced in October. A cholers outbreak in Hong Kong has been brought under control, with no new cases reported in nearly two weeks, the government said Thursday. Twenty people came down with the disease in June and July.

# U.K. Labor Party Leader Pledges 'New Agenda'

By Richard Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON - As a law sludent at Oxford University in the early 1970s, Tony Blair wore shoulder-length hair and bell-bottoms and did a kind of Mick Jagger imitation as he performed in a rock hand known as the Ugly Rumors.

"Tony was our love ma-chine," one of his fellow band members once said.

On Thursday, Mr. Blair was elected leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party. It is a joh that, given the dismal standing in public opinion polls of the governing Conser-vatives, leaves him in a strong position to become prime minister at the next general election, which must be held by

And if his hair is better coiffed, his fashion sense more finely honed and his public performance more restrained than in his university days, Mr. Blair, at 41, still represents a change — not just of the generational guard within his party, but of political style and substance as well.

In electing Mr. Blair to succeed John Smith, who died of a heart attack in May at age 55, Labor has chosen a telegenie moderate, a lawyer who was educated at some of Britain's most elite schools and has few ties to the leftist policies, fiery class rhetoric and union domination of the par-

ty's past. Mr. Blair won 57 percent of a vote of party members, union representatives and members of Parliament, beating two left-wing rivals, John Prescott, who was elected deputy leader, and Margaret Beckett, who has served as acting leader since Mr. Smith's

The process of national renewal requires "neither the politics of the old left nor new candidate to lead a country right," Mr. Blair said in his new left-of-center agenda for the future, one that breaks

By John M. Goshko

Washington Post Service
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new ground, that does not put one set of dogmas in place of another, that offers the genuine hope of a new politics to take us into a new millenni-

Mr. Blair has his critics, even within his own party. He is distrusted by some on the left wing of the party organization, who question whether in trying to make Labor a pal-atable alternative to middle class Conservative voters he is giving short shrift to Labor's traditional union constituen-

His youth and relative inexperience have also caused him problems. He is known, somewhat derisively, as "Bambi," a nickname that detractors on both sides of the political aisle use to portray him as out of his

Perhaps of more concern to Mr. Blair in the long run is another nickname -Blur" - that refers to his unwillingness, so far at least, to lay out detailed policy pre-

"Tony Blair has been anointed Labor leader for his looks, not his policies," said Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party chairman. "He is all style and no substance.

First elected to Parliament in 1983, Mr. Blair rose with hreathtaking speed through Labor's ranks. He cemented his reputation for political skill in the last several years by effectively stealing from the Conservatives one of their most dependable issues: law and order.

In an apparent effort to neutralize the party's tax-and-spend legacy, Mr. Blair has attacked the Conservatives for raising taxes despite promises not to do so. More generally. be has sought to position himself as a reasonable mainstream politician and a viable that has had a Conservative government since 1979.

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to offer any invitations," Mr.

Arafat said as he and Mr. Chris-

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lo offer invitations to all my

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Major will call a general elec-tion before 1997, Labor under Mr. Blair is effectively heginning its campaign now, and is starting with a big lead.

A poll late last month by Although there is no indica- MORI, a public opinion re-

cent of those surveyed be- percent of those surveyed lieved that of Britain's political leaders, Mr. Blair would be best at understanding the nation's problems, compared to 16 percent for

would vote Labor in a general election if Mr. Blair were its leader, with the Conservatives under Mr. Major polling 23 percent.

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"He scares the life out of the The same poll found that 55 Tories," Mr. Prescott said.

Arafat Says He, Not Israel, Is the Host in Jerusalem

origin of the shots. Earlier this week, Mr. Ratheir heavy weapons from Sarabin's cabinet approved a bill to

> been rare. The last one was May 5, when an aircraft carrying the German ambassador came under gunfire.

The U.S. transport hit Thursday was the 7th of 15 relief flights scheduled during the day, Mr. Redmond said.

## Cruise Ship Evacuated After Tests for Disease

By Ronald Smothers

New York Times Service HAMILTON, Bermuda — The cruise ship Horizon has been taken out of service, upending the vacation plans of more than 1,000 passengers, after tests found the possible presence of Legion-naires' disease bacteria in the ship's wa-

Spokesmen for Celebrity Cruises, which operates the luxury liner, said it would arrange flights back to New York for the passengers.

They were evacuated from the ship Tuesday and put up in hotels in Hamilton while the Horizon's water systems were being disinfected. The aim was to

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eliminate any bacteria that might have caused four confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease and 18 possible cases among passengers who had traveled on recent cruises.

among the passengers, who were handed leaflets when they boarded the ship in New York on Saturday announcing that there was a small risk of their contracting Legionnaires' disease.

The developments caused an uproar

Celebrity officials said that federal health officials had not recommended last weekend that the cruise be canceled. They are promising full refunds to passengers on this cruise as well as to travelers who have booked other trips on the

ship. The company has canceled the Horizon cruise scheduled to leave this week-

Passengers will have to wait out the incubation period of the disease, of from 2 to 10 days, to see if they fall ill. Even then it will take a blood test to determine whether the passengers have Legionnaires' disease or some other form of pneumonia.

The disease, which produces a head ache, fever, coughs, chest pains, diarrhea and some delirium, is readily treatable with the antibiotic erythromycin. But death rates in cases where patients are sick enough to hospitalized have reached

#### tion Organization's chairman, Yasser Arafat, make a near-desale very much that King Hussein might come to visit, and perate appeal for Western fithis is an invitation from me to nancial aid and dispute Israel's his majesty to come to the holy right to invite King Hussein of city with me." Jordan to visit Jerusalem. His statement immediately

overshadowed the economie issues that be and Mr. Christopher had hoped to make the focus of this first visit by an American secretary of state to the rundown, dusty streets of this poverty-strieken strip of land along the Mediterranean.

In their meeting and in a brief appearance afterward before reporters, Mr. Arafat initially sought to stress the urgent need for massive financial help that he said was necessary to

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The Israelis "haven't a right avert "the red line of starvation and the humiliation and frustration" of the more than 800,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Mr. Arafat's defiant remarks

about Jerusalem came as he and Mr. Christopher were ending their news conference. Up to that point, the two had steered carefully around questions about whether Mr. Christopher had asked Mr. Arafat to stop making statements that enable Israeli hard-liners to say the PLO leader cannot be trusted to respect the terms of the agreement granting limited self-rule to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jerieho. "I think the chairman will

live up to his responsibilities," Mr. Christopher said, after admitting that he had not raised the issue. Then, just as Mr. Ara-fat and Mr. Christopher were leaving, a reporter caused the session to end on a contentious note hy asking how Mr. Arafat felt about the possibility of Israel inviting King Hussein to

The idea has prompted considerable discussion among Israelis because King Hussein and the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, are to appear with President Bill Clinton at signal a de facto end to the 46-

The PLO's position is that in a final settlement of the Pales-

year conflict between Israel and

Jordan.

tinian problem, Arab East Jerusalem should become the capital of an independent Palestinian state. However, Mr. Arafat's vehement assertion Thursday of that "responsibility" seemed certain

to provide fresh ammunition for foes of the autonomy agreement. Mr. Rabin's political opposition charges that the PLO eader's real aim is to use autonomy for the Gaza Strip and the West Bank as a stepping stone toward control of Jerusalem. Israel asserts that an undivided Jerusalem must remain the permanent capital of the Jewish

Israeli officials said that Mr. Rabin expressed considerable anger about Mr. Arafat's remark during a cabinet meeting Thursday night, although he made no public comment. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who heard about Mr. Arafat's statement while attending a diplomatic reception, said, didn't know that Arafat had a mandate for Jerusalem."

Israel has been increasingly sensitive about Palestinian political activities in Jerusalem, the White House on Monday to viewing every move as an attempt to weaken its hold on the



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#### Fiske Seeks Files on Foster.

WASHINGTON - The independent. prosecutor looking into the Whitewater affair has obtained a subpoena requiring the White-House to turn over all its files relating to how presidential aides handled the aftermath of the death of Vincent Foster Jr., the White House said.

The files newly sought by the prosecutor, Robert B. Fiske Jr., include any that reflect how documents belonging to Mr. Foster, deputy White House counsel, were distributed after his 1993 death and how presidential aides dealt with a Park Police inquiry into that death, the White House said.

Mr. Fiske's demand for more documents comes as he tries to complete that part of his investigation dealing with whether White House aides tried to obstruct the police investigation of what was later determined to have been suicide by Mr. Foster.

The subpoens was announced as the Jus-tice Department released parts of a 1993 Park Police report on Mr. Foster's death that it had withheld until now. The report finds no evi-dence of foul play and includes little information that has not since been published. (NYT)

#### Social Security Spin-Off Bill 🎨

WASHINGTON - A bill to make the Social Security Administration an independent agency headed by a presidentially appointed commissioner has been approved by a House-Senate conference committee Breaking the agency away from the Department of Health and Human Services has strong backing from major groups of older Americans.

Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan of the Senate Finance Committee and acting Chairman Sam M. Gibbons of the House Ways and Means Committee hailed the agreement.

We hope to increase public confidence in Social Security by improving administrative efficiency and by insulating the program from politics," Mr. Moynihan said.

The bill, which the New York Democrat has pushed since 1984, aims to give the giant

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Social Security Administration more public prominence, insulate it from politics and free it from being buried in hierarchy.

The new independent agency would have a commissioner and deputy commissioner, ap-pointed by the president for six-year terms subject to Senate confirmation. It also would have a bipartisan advisory board of seven members, four chosen by Congress and three by the president.

#### Kennedy's Wife Quite Job

WASHINGTON -- Vickie Reggie Kennedy, wife of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, bas resigned from her parmership here over its decision to represent Libya in a case related to the country's alleged role in the terrorist bombing of Pam Am Flight 103.

The senator's office, after inquiries from The Washington Post, issued a statement con-firming that the Massachusetts Democrat's wife left her banking practice at Keck, Mahin and Cate on July 14 "as an act of conscience when she learned of the firm's intention."

Dan Grove, managing partner of Keck, Mahin, confirmed that his firm would repre-sent Libya in a wrongful death suit filed by the family of a victim killed in the 1988 bombing.
The United Nations has imposed sanctions

against Libya in an attempt to force the country to extradite two Libyan intelligence agents the United States accuses of causing the bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 259 people.

#### Quote/Unguote

A statement from the family of President Bill Chinton's late legal adviser, Vincent Foster Jr., whose death last year was recently determined to have been a suicide: "There is now no justification for painful repetitious examination of these issues. The principal advocates for this appear chiefly motivated by mean-spirited partisanship; they certainly care not at all for the feelings of Vince's family, particularly those of his children, who have suffered greatly."



FIRST MAN ON MOON LOOKING ON — President Bill Clinton, left, greeting the Apollo 11 crew — Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins — at the White House to mark the 25th amiversary of the first lunar landing, on July 20, 1969.

## If U.S. Invades Haiti, It Plans to Seize Weapons

By Daniel Williams

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — If U.S. troops land in Haiti. they will act to disarm the Haitian Army and paramilitary groups like the Tontons Macoutes to pacify the country, according to current plans.

The removal of weapons would take place whether Haiti's military rulers stepped down voluntarily or were forced to flee by the invaders.

The program would be designed to avoid the prob-

lems that erupted in Somalia, where rival militia forces were permitted to keep their weapons even after U.S. troops arrived to guard food and other relief supplies. The guns were eventually turned on the Americans by followers of a militia leader whose quest for power was threatened by U.S. plans to rebuild the Somali

government The disarmament plan was raised during talks earli-

er this week between Undersecretary of State Peter

the United Nations, and the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali.

The U.S. officials were undertaking an effort to win UN Security Couocil blessing for U.S. forces to take 'all necessary measures" to restore Haiti's exiled president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

No deadline has been set for Hain's military rulers. led by Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras, to step

A published interview with the U.S. special envoy. William H. Grav 3d, in which be said he expected the dictatorship to be out by October, was not meant as an ultimatum, Mr. Gray and other officials insisted. We think it is time for the military leaders to leave

now," said the White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers. "Not six mooths from now, not three mooths from oow. We'd like to see them leave now." Nevertheless, officials said pressure for a quick

Tarnoff: Madeleine K. Albright, the chief delegate to invasion had eased as a result of a drop since early July

in the number of refugees leaving Haiti by boat. Mr. Butros Ghali is already convinced that an initial American force ought to pacify Haiti before a UN peacekeeping force was sent to keep order, protect Father Aristide and revamp the military and police

Also, the secretary general wants to avoid a debacle like the one in Somalia. He urged the Bush administration to disarm the Somalis when troops first went in but was ignored.

Officials regard the drop in the oumbers of refugees as no fluke. Rather, they said, the decision to keep Haitians at Guantánamo until they can be sent to temporary safe havens in other conotries - in effect keeping them until they can be returned to Haiti when Father Aristide is restored —bas deterred people from taking to the boats. They can no longer hope for eventual emigration to the United States.

## Simpson Opens Own Inquiry on Slayings

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - O. J. Simpson is organizing an inde-pendent investigation into the murders of his ex-wife and her friend, employing a team of de-tectives and providing a toilfree number for information. He has also offered a

\$500,000 reward for leads. "O. J. wants to confirm to the public that he is innocent of all charges in this matter and that he is most eager to get to trial to prove his innocence," said his

business attorney, LeRoy Taft. Mr. Taft said the former football star feels he is compelled to undertake his own investigation at his own expense to pursue all information leading to the arrest and conviction of the real killer or killers in this

The lead defense lawyer, Robert L. Shapiro, contended in court papers that the authorities have ignored evidence pointing to Mr. Simpson's inoocence. The papers cite a series of obscene, threatening phone calls to Nicole Brown Simpson in 1992 that the police determined had not been made by Mr. Simpson.

They also cite a report that police officers heard Mr. Simpson's 8-year-old daughter who was asleep in her mother's condominium when the bodies were found outside — say the morning after the killings, "I voice and heard Morniny cry ing."
Mr. Simpson has pleaded in-

nocent in the June 12 stabbing deaths of Ms. Simpson, 35, and a friend, Ronald L. Goldman, 25. He is being held without bail and is to be arraigned Fri-

Mr. Simpson plans to hire John McNally to head a team of private detectives, Mr. Taft said. Mr. McNally, a retired New York police detective, worked with the attorney F. Lee Bailey on the Patty Hearst kidnapping case in the 1970s. He is on Mr. Simpson's defense team. J. Albert Johnson, a Boston

attorney who has used Mr. McNally on several eases, called him the best investigator I've ever met" Mr. Shapiro is asking the au-

thorines to turn over a number of items, including police inter-nal affairs reports on officers assigned to the case, records of visits to emergency rooms near Mr. Simpson's estate for cuts or dog bites, and all police reports of unsolved murders similar to the slayings of Ms. Simpson and Mr. Goldman.

#### Foreigners on a Spending Spree in N.Y. said Mr. Spencer, 25, who was visiting the Empire State Building with his fa-By Tom Redburn New York Times Service NEW YORK - Alain Tobier had waited in line two hours to climb the Visitors accounted for more than \$14 hillion in economic activity in 1992, the

Statue of Liberty. He had marveled at the view from the World Trade Center and had had his picture taken with a dinosaur at the American Museum of Natural History. But oow he was concentrating on what really drew him to

New York: shopping.
Standing at the counter at 47th Street
Photo, Mr. Tobier, an aerospace engineer from Toulouse, France, looked through the viewfinder of the Pentax autofocus 35mm camera recommended by a salesman. He had already bought an Epson portable computer upstairs. One of his companions was carrying a new Wilson tennis racket in his bag. The other had a box of Timberland shoes.

"Everything is so much more expensive at home," Mr. Tobier said, "We have a list of all the things we're supposed to buy for our friends. This is so much fun." Join the club. Tourists from abroad,

spurred on by the fall in the dollar, are spending their francs, pesos and yen more freely than ever this summer. With visitors from elsewhere in the United States increasing, New York City appears to be experiencing its best tourist season in years.
"New York is the shopping mecca of the world," Mitchell Moss, director of

the Urban Research Center at New York University, said. "The decline of the dollar is doing more to boost tourism here than all the promotional campaigns put

To Brett Spencer, a Loodon journalist, New York is everything he expected — and more. "It's too hot, too crowded and too noisy, and we can't get enough of it." most recent year for which figures are available, the U.S. Travel and Tourism

Administration reported. Travel and tourism support 154,000 jobs in New York alone, according to the City Economic Policy and Marketing

Foreign tourism, which is up all over the country, is particularly important. While visitors from ahroad made up only

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about 20 percent of the 25 million people who stayed overnight in New York City in 1992, the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau estimated that they spent more than 40 percent of the dollars tourists left behind.

Europeans account for the bulk of the visitors from abroad, but tourism officials also noted that visitors from Latin America are on the rise.

This year, signs abound of increased visits by Americans and foreigners alike. After slumping from 1987 through last summer, hotel occupancy rates began to creep higher late in 1993. Now they are climbing steadily. In May, 77 percent of the roughly 65,000 hotel rooms in the city were occupied, according to the Pan-

nell Kerr Foster consulting firm. That was up from 71 percent in May 1993 and

from 68 percent the year before.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, noting an unusual number of European visitors, reported attendance up by 8.2 percent in the first quarter. Visits to the Statue of Liberty, which was closed frequently this winter because of harsh weather, oooetheless are running even with last year and were up by 4 percent in June, compared with the same month last year.

Meanwhile, attendance at the Empire State Building, which reopened May 20 after repair work, has risen by 17 percent over the same period last year.

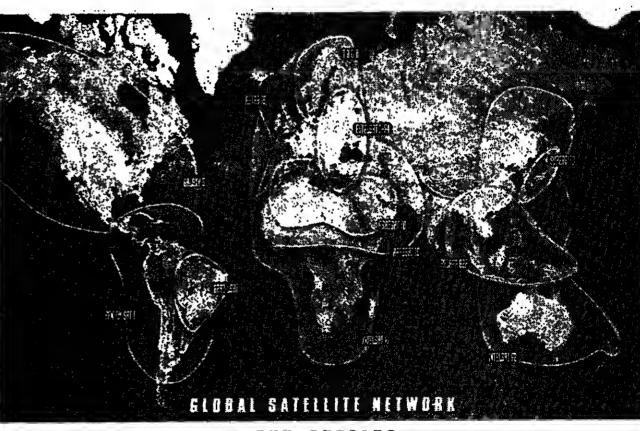
To most Americans, New York stands out as perhaps the most expensive city in the country. The average hotel room rate today is \$144. The cost of restaurant meals, from McDonald's to the Rainbow Room, is higher than elsewhere.

To visitors from Europe and Japan, however, New York is a bargain. "Most things here seem pretty inexpensive." Henning Groenback, a Danish visitor,

Products like cameras and electronics equipment are heavily taxed in Europe and Asia, making them substantially more expensive there than in the United

In addition, the exchange rate of most European currencies against the dollar is up about 10 percent since the beginning the year.

Indeed, foreign tourists appear to be oo a spree. The amount of foreign currency exchanged last month at American Express offices in New York City was up by 25 percent from June 1993, Nancy Muller, a spokeswoman for American Express, said.



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## U.S. Fears New Rise in Use of Illicit Drugs

By Joseph B. Treaster

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A 13-year decline in use of illicit drugs has halted as Americans become less worried about the hazards

of drugs, federal researchers holds across the country, researchers from the Department of Health and Human Services increased drug use among leenagers and people over 35.

#### **Away From Politics**

● A man portrayed as a minor conspirator in the terrorist plot to blow up New York City landmarks was sentenced to the three and half months he had already served on charges of conspiring to supply explosives. The defendant, Earl Gant, 28, could have received up to five years in prison at his sentencing in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. The Feb. 26, 1993, bombing of the World Trade Center killed six people and injured hundreds.

• In a major triumph for anti-smoking advocates, California's governor, Pete Wilson, announced that he would sign into law a statewide prohibition on smoking in most workplaces. The law would make California one of the most inhospitable places in the nation for smokers. The law, which would go into effect Jan. 1, would ban smoking in restaurants, offices, sicres, factories, hospitals and other large, enclosed work-

• The son of Representative Kweisi Mitume of Maryland has been charged with raping a woman after a date. Michael Mitume, 24, whose father is chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, was arrested in Atlanta on July 14 and jailed

until when he was freed on \$35,000 bail • Prizzled over a series of 14 small fires at synagogues, yeshivas and other centers of Jewish activities during the last three months, the police in New York City and Nassan County, Long Island, were investigating whether the fires had been set by the same person.

The survey, by the Substance Ahuse and Mental Health Services Administration, consisted of more than 26,000 face-to-face interviews. It found that the total number of Americans who used drugs in 1993 had million Americans above the leveled off at 24.4 million. about the same as in 1992, from a high of 35.7 million in 1985.

had been basically no change since 1985 in the number of juana, compared with 1.7 mil-hard-core or heavy drug users, lion the previous year. hard-core or heavy drug users, who are the people consuming the bulk of the 300 tons of cocaine sold each year and are responsible for most of the drug-related crime and vio-

error of less than one percent age point, plus or minus. The survey estimates that there are at least half a million heavy cocaine users, but gov-ernment officials say the num-

ber may be four times as high

because the survey does not reach many of the heaviest drug-using groups. The survey indicated that 7.5 age of 35 used drugs during 1993, compared with about 6 million in 1992 and 7.4 million But it also reported that there in 1991. In 1993, 2.1 million teenagers reported using mari-

> In assessing the dangers of taking drugs, 32.6 percent of the teenagers interviewed in 1993 said they thought smoking marijuana once or twice posed a great risk, down from 35.9 per-

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The survey had a margin of cent who said so in 1992.



## Italy's 'Knight' Retreats

to power casting himself as Mr. Clean -"The Knight," Italians called him who would clean up a corrupt political system. But after a huge public controversy over a Berlusconi decree that anticorruption prosecutors interpreted as an attack on their wbole enterprise, his ar-

mor is badly dented. On the face of it, it is hard for anyone concerned about civil liberties to take issue with the Berlusconi decree. Italian law permits large-scale pretrial detention of suspects, a practice that prosecufors can use to sweat nut confessions. In most circumstances, pretrial detenunn is a terrible idea. Mr. Berlusconi's decree abolished detention for those under investigation for nonviolent crimes, including corruption; more than 1,000 people were set free.

The problem is that the prime minister fed public suspicion that he acted ant to protect civil liberties but in shield the corrupt. He used his decree powers to circumvent normal parliamentary debate on what would be a sweeping

change in Italian practice.

He issued the decree while Italy was in a frenzy over its national soccer team. encouraging the idea that he was sneaking something through. The decree was carefully tailored in white-collar criminals, which suggested that those withnut connections were not about to see their own civil liberties served. It did nothing to answer the legitimate concerns of

Prime Minister Silvin Berlusconi rose prosecutors over whether the quick release of the accused would simply give them time to tamper with evidence. On top of all this, the decree was issued after several senior officials of Mr. Berlusconi's Fininvest bolding company had come under investigation.

The prosecutors were outraged, and many in their ranks quit the anti-corrupunn investigations that have led to thousands of arrests and the collapse of the parties that ruled Italy for 40 years. Public reaction was mostly on the side of the much admired prosecutors.

Prime Minister Berlusconi's coalition partners threatened to quit. On Tues-day, he backed off and said he would pursue the normal parliamentary order for his proposal. He said his only goal was protecting "the principles of indi-vidual liberty" vidual liberty.

Civil liberties are subject to abuse in Italy, and even honest prosecutors can use their powers dangerously. The Italian criminal justice system needs re-forms in protect civil liberties and also changes in speed trials and protect evidence. But Mr. Berlusconi has hardly acquitted himself well in this affair. Many Italians dnubted that a man with such close and profitable ties to Italy's old order could really be Mr. Clean. Predictions of instability within Mr.

Berlusconi's strange governing coalinn nf separatists and neofascists have now been confirmed.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Suspense for Mexicans

As Mexico approaches its presidential election next month, the central issue is democracy itself. For the first time in the life of any Mexican voter, the outcome is genuinely in question. The long tradition of prearranged elections is fading fast, Mexico is now approaching the critical moment in its transition from one-party rule to voters' choice.

The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) has won every federal election since 1929, often stuffing ballot boxes and unashamedly manipulating returns in the name of stability. Because of that history, the government now faces the great challenge of convincing its citizens that the count in this election, on Aug. 21, will be accurate.

Six years ago, Carlos Salinas de Gortari of the PRI won with, according to the official tally, 50.5 percent of the vote versus 31 percent for his closest rival, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas. Mr. Cárdenas's supporters vehemently charged that the election was stolen from them, and be is now running again.

But one great surprise this year is that the most vigorous challenge to the PRI is coming not from Mr. Cardenas and the center-left but from the right -Diego Fernández de Cevallos and his National Action Party (PAN). Polls show Mr. Fernandez running abreast of the PRI's candidate, Ernesto Zedilln. Regardless of the accuracy of the polls, they have created an atmosphere in which Mexicans expect the results to be very close, and any other result is likely tn be received with deep suspicion.

President Salinas and the top leadership of the PRI have gone to considerable lengths in reform and strengthen the electoral process. They pushed through one round of changes four years ago, drastically mndernizing procedures. After the New Year's uprising in Chiapas and the assassination in March of the PRI's original candidate for the presidency, all the parties signed a pact setting out further reforms that Congress has enacted. Among other innova-tions, at each precinct there are to be nonpartisan officials selected by random lottery as well as observers from the parties and from foreign countries.

But the sentiment for reform is not unanimous. While the top of the PRI may be for it, the party is buge and contains a lot of middle-level people unwilling to let go of all that patronage and influence. There may be efforts bere and there to revert to bad old babits.

It will also be in the interests of some of the losers to cry frand, A custom bas arisen in Mexico of winners negotiating after the election with losers, and the losers' position is strengthened by accu-

sations of tampering.
Whom to believe? It is too early to say. But you can believe one thing: This election will be more open, and more closely watched by independent observers, than any in Mexico's history.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Health Coverage Numbers

President Bill Clinton says he thought his remarks sounded innocent enough. Speaking to the nation's governors on Tuesday, be said he would be satisfied if bealth care reform managed to insure somewhere in the ballpark of 95 percent" of Americans and that be would not insist that Congress impose an employer mandate.

Neither remark deviated one tota from administration policy. But that did not stop a torrent of speculation that he was retreating on universal coverage and was backtracking from mandates.
On Wednesday a rattled White House

disclaimed any such signals. And the first lady. Hillary Rodham Clinton, visited Capitol Hill to reassure Democratic leaders that the president was not wavering. By the end of the day, the Hill was supposed to believe that Mr. Clinton was

singing the same nld tunes - for now. Judging from reactions, it would seem a grave matter of statecraft whether Mr. Clinton sets sail for 95 percent coverage or 93 or 98. But to fixate on the numbers is to miss the important structural questions in the debate.

Universal coverage is, foremost, a statement about public values; the richest country ought not to terrorize parents with the fear of bankruptcy because their child becomes chronically ill. But for those who need a barder-edged reason, universal coverage is also necessary to make health care markets work.

If the rules allow healthy individuals to opt out of insurance, many will do so at least until they become sick. Then

insurance companies will find that they are mostly catering to the chronically ill, whom they will have to charge prohibitively high premiums. The answer is to require bealthy individuals to enroll when they are well and pay premiums to belp cover the cost of care when they become ill. In a phrase, universal coverage.

Does that mean that every living American must be covered to the point of statistical perfection? Nnt really. Indeed, the president's bill would not achieve 100 percent coverage; nor do the Europeans nr Hawaii - which has a mandate on employers to buy their

workers coverage. What is needed is a bill that, as a practical matter, brings coverage to the rich and poor, sick and healthy, young and old, employed and unemployed, in the same way that Social Security, as a practical matter, provides retirement benefits for all Americans and requires contributions from every worker. If the medical insurance rules, like those of Social Security, allow odd exceptions -whether they add up to 2, 3 or even 5 percent of the population—this amounts to no moral or medical catastrophe.

President Clinton's loose lips did not help negotiations. His words encourage recalcitrants on Capitol Hill to spend time figuring out how in get the president, and his Democratic supporters, to retreat - rather than accepting the goal of universal coverage and figuring out what else the bill can have to win bipartisan support.

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# A Rwanda Rescue Now on the Scale of Desert Storm

WASHINGTON — Rwanda has be-come the worst humanitarian disaster in the world. In the days ahead, refugees and internally displaced Rwandans will die by the thousands. Unless the international community responds quickly, there could be 100,000 dead.

For months we have watched genocide in Rwanda. With the war over and refugees surging out to Zaire, the international community has a chance to belp.

The bumanitarian emergency in Goma, Zaire, is deepening by the hour. United Nations and other humanitarian agencies are overwhelmed by the scale of the refugee exodus and have issued an appeal for massive outside help. There are a million Rwandan refugees

in Goma. They chnke every street. One thing is working. Refugees are beeding the plea of relief officials to walk north about 50 kilometers to a designated camp site. Some of these people cannot survive the walk and have begun to die en route, from dehydration

And unless the international commn-

By Lionel Rosenblatt

nity responds, there will be little on hand to sustain those who do make it to the camp. Goma will go down in history as a death march.

Refugees are also streaming in to other areas of Zaire. There is a risk of endangering the local citizens and further inflaming the countries of the region. To avoid attracting more refugees, we need to address both the needs of the refugees

and those inside Rwanda. The immediate needs in Goma are for water and food, followed by public health and sanitation measures

The scale of need is such that only the logistic capabilities of the American and other major military organizations can bridge the gap.

If measures including the following are taken, hundreds of thousands of lives can still be saved:

• Immediate airlift of pumps and

tanker trucks for distribution of water. Immediate airlift of food and deliv-

ery trucks, as well as transport of food overland from Uganda. • Military civil affairs specialists to

handle distribution to the desperate refugees. Valiant relief personnel now on the ground are overwhelmed by the growing scale of the job.

 Medical and public sanitation personnel. To provide adequate numbers of personnel, military medics may be required in addition to the staff of nongoy-

eromental organizations.
It is becoming clear that thousands of refugees are doomed to die in Goma and vicinity, but hundreds of thousands of lives are still in the balance and can be saved by immediate action.

Aid must also start flowing inside Rwanda, where as much as half the population may be displaced. And political and relief efforts have to be organized for early repatriation of refugees, with-out permitting the defeated Rwandan

army to reconstitute. If Rwanda and its refugees get top priority now, most can still be saved. Western heads of state and government

have other international problems on their agendas, but none is so immediately

life-threatening. Three years ago, the American military intervened to save the Kurds. Now, working urgently together, the U.S. and European governments can mobilize military logistic capacity to save hundreds of

thousands of lives. Leadership is the vital ingredient. A first step would be for Fresident Bill Clinton to appoint a figure of international repute to pull together the military logistic capacities of the United States and other countries in a joint lifesaving enterprise - the humanitarian equiva-

lent of the Desert Storm war coalition. Planes should begin flying around the clock immediately. Every hour of delay is costing the lives of many Rwandans.

The writer, president of Refugees Inter-national, back from an emergency assess-ment visit to Goma, Zaire, was to testify at a hearing of the U.S. House of Representa-tives on Thursday. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

## Time for the Powers Jointly to Impose Peace at Last in Bosnia

DARIS - There are only two ways to end the war in Bosnia.

and exhaustion.

One is to let it rage until it has burned ont all hope, until, as the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said earlier this week, there is a victor and a vanquished." The nther is for outside powers to impose peace, or-chestrating sanctions and, pro-

bably, using force.

Neither way offers the "peace with justice" that people of goodwill have been demanding as the essential precedent to preserve some credibility and moral satisfaction for the United Nations and the major countries involved. This requires assurance of Bosnia-Herzegovina's integrity as a state, right of return of all refugees (reversing ethnic cleansing so far as possible), and trial and punishment of war criminals.

Either way risks spreading the conflict, which has surprisingly been contained so far. But there is a better chance of preventing wider war if the powers show that they can sustain agreement among themselves and a will to act which bas taken them more than two years to achieve.

They have been caught until now in a combination of vain hope (that the belligerents could be induced to accept mutual compromise) and idle bluff (as if threats would be enough to make risky action unnecessary).

The powers are paying for this equivocation now, because each besitation, each bluff called has increased the price of effective decision. For all the destruction and exhaustion, the belligerents clearly are not prepared to back nff from their war aims. They have learned to play the powers at their own waffling game. Although he has accepted the

latest plan of the "contact group" (United States, Russia, France, Britain, United Nations and European Union), Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic made clear that he did not like it and was betting on rejection by the Serbs so as to improve his military position. He hopes to force the powers to remove the arms embargo, and perhaps bomb the Serbs.
The Bosnian Serbs are maneu-

vering, as they have done all along, to provoke division and uncertainty so that they can keep

By Flora Lewis

what they have and press for more, stopping just short of wbatever seems to be the international breaking point. The role of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic is tricky, as usual, and it would be simpleminded not to take his capacity for cynicism into account. No doubt Mr. Milosevic does

want relief from economic sanctions, which are hurting Serbia, and would like to earn international brownie points for weighing on Mr. Karadzic, who has been troublesome to him, too, at times. But he is capable of claiming that he has done his best, all the while quietly bolstering the Bosnian Serbs' confidence that they can count on Serbia's buge reserves of arms if Mr. Izetbegovic gets access to heavy weapons. At every turn of the screw, the problem gets harder for the diplomats. There aren't any more gimmicks available by shifting squiggles on the map, promising recon-struction aid and economic benefits. There will be intense re-Inctance to carry out the latest round of threats, and intense opprobrium at being seen to be impotent before such defiance. There

This at least has to be admitted. Holding out for righting wrongs and punishing aggression only makes sure that the agony will be prolonged. And it must be admitted that humanitarian concern will

isn't any good, honorable solution.

not douse this political conflict. The choice is the same as it was

from the start, only escalated to an ever higher degree of tragedy. It is to impose a settlement that will satisfy no one, except to the not inconsiderable extent that each side will be pleased to see the other forced to some concessions. Or, to stand back for the Shakespearean finale of mutual massacre, with no chance of the classical catharsis that brings humility and understanding after the folly

of human passions. The powers have to decide, pronounce and act, painful as it will be, and accept that they must do it together. Any defection will undermine all. For support from the belligerents, they must look to the longer term and the pro-mise of a different kind of Balkans released from historic back-

wardness, insecurity, fragmenta-

tion through a regional plan with

major-power guarantees. There were many who foresaw what was coming if Yugoslavia was left, or encouraged, to break up on the argument that self-determination means everyone for himself and to hell with the neighbors. Perhaps it is time to suggest a new Yugoslavia instead of more bits and pieces, a looser, more confederate and certainly more democratic one, something worth

ending the war to achieve.

It would have room for Serbs and Croats and Muslims, and for ethnic Albanians and perhaps Macedonians, too.

That should be the incentive. Meanwhile, there is no avoiding the stick - a cease-fire relying on force when it is flouted. O Flora Lewis.

## Act for the Protection of Human Rights in Bosnia

NEW YORK — The Bosnian Serbs are waiting for the international community to readjust its blinders and offer them more -territory, autonomy and a free hand locally to continue ethnic cleansing and arbitrary rule. But there is good reason to doubt that new adjustments in the partition package

As the powers ponder punishment, United Nations officials should focus on ways to protect against atrocities to come. It is nearly two years since the Security Council first expressed shock at the torture and other abuse in prison camps in northern Bos-

would stop the fighting and ethnic cleansing.

nia. The United Nations has sent teams of buman rights monitors and formed a war crimes tribunal to investigate violations and bring those responsible to instice. Yet there are reports of new rounds of ethnic cleansing in Banja Luka and other Serb-held areas due to be turned over to the Bosnian government. Even if the parties say "yes," there is great risk of still more abuses, including scorched-

earth destruction directed against people and remaining infrastructure as troops are required to withdraw from territories they now hold. There may be further assassinations of local political leaders and murders of detainces, new forced displacements and violence against local minorities. Retaliation for such incidents will grow as returning refugees dis-

cover mass graves and other destruction.

In December, the UN General Assembly established the long-awaited post of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. His role is to help bring focus to UN activities to prevent and halt rights violations. If ever there was a

By Felice Gaer

place where his guiding hand was needed, it is in former Yugoslavia.

The high commissioner, Jose Ayala Lasso, should press now to assure that human rights protections will be applied whether or not peace comes. Peacekeeping troops will need to be deployed promotly, particularly in areas vulnerable to violence. If they are committed to enforcing UN principles, they can provide a preventive presence, limiting the worst abuses. Offers to send troops only if a ceasefire holds will be too late.

Regardless of the outcome of the peace plan, the high commissioner should immediately send a high-level special envoy to be stationed in Zagreb to bring human-rightsrelated expertise and perspective to the opera-tions supervised by Yasushi Akashi, the UN special representative. The 38,000-member UN Protection Force lacks a single human rights officer. It has never worked out standard operating procedures for addressing rights violations in its field operations.

The special envoy can begin to put in place the personnel and training needed to assure that a future human rights monitoring system operates in accord with the principles and practices developed by the UN Center for Human Rights. He or she can begin to develop a procedure, as in El Salvador, to disquali-fy known perpetrators of abuses from serving in post-settlement local police forces. A special cuvoy could make a dramatic .

difference in deterring future violations. Low-

er-level buman rights officers reporting through the protection force would lack the independence and clout to achieve as much.

The high commissioner should call on the parties to sign a special somey assuring that each will surrender individuals sought by the war crimes tribunal. He can remind governments with information about abuses, or about the pattern of command and control, to submit the data promptly to the tribunal rather than continue to suppress it. In so doing, he can a make c'ear that the United Nations will not

equate victims and perpetrators.

Ethnic cleansing has been the purpose, not the result, of the war in Bosnia. It has unleashed and legitimated forces in Europe, East and West, that were previously dismissed as marginal and politically irrelevant These forces of hate and racist extremism

seem to feed on one another. If the high commissioner for human rights speaks forthrightly, prevents further abuses, dispatches a special envoy and advances the tribunal's capacity to obtain custody of those charged, then the polity that emerges may be one that the UN community can look back to in future years - finding perhaps a glimmer of satisfaction in the knowledge that these contributions were late but, this time, lasting.

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## Japan Got Itself Into the Yen Problem and Has to Get Itself Out

WASHINGTON — Someone will someday write the definitive history of the swindle of the century. For now, we must content ourselves with the bare facts. During the 1980s, Japanese insurance companies, banks and corporations bought bundreds of

billions of dollars of foreign stocks, bonds and real estate (office buildings, botels, resorts). On these investments, the Japanese have suffered catastrophic losses, often 50 percent or more. What is astonishing, though, is that the swindle was mostly selfinflicted. It was mainly eager

Japanese buyers - and not fasttalking foreign salesmen - whn fed the buying frenzy. All this is now relevant because it explains the yen's dramatic rise to a postwar high of 97 to the dollar. That is, it took only

97 yea to buy a dollar, compared

with 145 in 1990. For most countries, a rising currency signifies growing confidence. For Japan, it is the opposite. It represents a barsh judgment by global money managers that the Japanese cannot correct their big trade imbalance themselves and that only large exchange rate changes — raising the price of Japanese exports and lowering the price of imports -

will do the job. Japan's massive overseas investments merely postponed the inevitable day of reckoning.

When Japan runs big trade surpluses, it collects huge amounts of foreign currency (mostly dollars) that it doesn't need to buy imports. Normally, this would lead to a rapid rise of the yen, as surplus dollars were sold on foreign exchange markets to buy yen. With more sellers of dollars than buyers, the dollar drops and the yen rises. In Japan's case, the effect was delayed because so many dollars were "recycled" to buy

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foreign bonds and office buildings. Having now suffered immense losses on these investments, the Japanese have lost their appetite for more. So the dollar drops and

the yen rises. There is nothing mysterious about this. Yet many Japanese deny it. They "think that the strong yen has been intentionally created by Washington," writes Richard Koo, an economist with Nomura Securities, "but in fact the reason lies in Japan's massive \$130 billion trade surplus." The delusion pervades Japanese society. Only last week, Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama blamed the United States for the high yen, reports the Daily Japan Digest.

The Japanese are right to fear the rising yen; they are wrong to blame others. Since 1992, Japan's economy has stagnated. There are now faint signs of a revival that a higher yen could snuff out. A higher yen means that Japan's

export earnings (in dollars) buy fewer yen. To cover their costs, exporters have to raise their overseas prices. Last week, for example, Komatsu Limited, a maker of construction equipment, increased export prices by nearly 5 percent. Higher prices reduce exports; and this then dampens business investment. Economic growth suffers.

In theory, this process should correct itself. A higher yen makes imports cheaper and pushes down prices. This should spur consumer spending and increase imports. As the trade surplus drops, the yea's exchange rate stabilizes. The trouble is that Japan's markets frustrate imports, and lower prices are not always passed through to consumers.

The needed adjustment may not occur. A stagnant economy could discourage imports. If the trade surplus persists -cven with lower

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export volumes - it could lead to a vicious circle of a rising yen and

worsening economy. Whatever happens, Japan's predicament punctures another myth: Japanese farsightedness. Throughout the 1980s, Americans told themselves that the Japanese took "the long view." They planned for the future. Exactly the opposite has been true. Many policies, of both business and government, have been amazingly shortsighted. The Japanese have ignored obvious dangers and not dealt with predictable problems.

Start with those huge overseas investments themselves. Even in the 1980s, the prices that Japanese companies were paying for U.S. office buildings, hords and resorts were considered inflated. Since then the collapse of commercial real estate markets has made matters much worse.

A survey by the consulting firm Kenneth Leventhal & Co. reckons that Japanese companies have suf-fered losses on at least 40 percent of their U.S. real estate. One Los Angeles hotel is valued at about half its \$110 million purchase price, reports the Los Angeles Times. A major Los Angeles office building may have dropped twothirds in value.

Foreign stocks and bonds were also hazardous. True, U.S. bonds paid higher interest rates than Japanese bonds. But any excess profits could easily be wiped out by exchange rate changes. That is what happened.

Consider a \$10,000 U.S. bond that cost 2 million yen in the mid-1980s when the yen was 200 to the dollar. (A Japanese investor needing \$10,000 had to buy the dollars on foreign exchange markets for 2 million yen.) Now the same bond, if sold and converted

back to yen, would fetch only about 1 million yen. Somehow, the Japanese had convinced themselves that such exchange rate shifts could not happen.
Government policies have been

equally shortsighted. For years it has been obvious that Japan should encourage imports by liberalizing its markets. The reason is not to satisfy U.S. trade complaints, it is to prevent a constantly rising yen from devastating Japan's export industries.
Only by reducing the trade surplus can Japan halt the yen's rise. At times, Japanese officials have parroted this logic. But they have not practiced it. Countless "market opening" and "liberalization" programs have only tinkered at the edges. The real ob-

Japanese have not yet concluded that their import-resistant and overregulated economy is not in

their own best interest. Until the Japanese grasp this. economic and political paralyses could feed each other. Japan has had four prime ministers in the past year. The postwar system of political parties is breaking down while the economy faces unprecedented pressures. Politi-cal turnoil makes it hard for Japan to undertake needed economic reforms. But economic uncertainty frustrates political stability. Foreign exchange mar-

kets reflect these tensions. When people say that the dol-lar is falling, they have it backward. The problem is not the dollar. It's the yen.

stacle is a state of mind. The The Washington Post.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Horseless Carriage

PARIS - The preliminary trials for the horseless-carriage competition were concluded yesterday [July 21], and are expected to open up a new era in road locomotion. That the machines are far from perfect is acknowledged by all, yet in this age of inventions improvements will follow fast. These petroleum carriages, the cost of which is from £200 upwards, will one day play an important part. Petroleum spirit is proferable for pleasure conveyances and especially for long journeys, as it is clean, is easily carried, and can he obtained almost anywhere. A match will set the machine going and a put of breath will extin-

guish the jet of flame. 1919: Terror in Hungary GENEVA --- An Innsbruck telegram states that Bela Kun recently sent his secretary Szamuelly in a special train with six hangmen to Western Hungary to carry out the trial and execution of 78 counterrevolutionists. The trials were the usual farce of justice under the bolshevist régime, the dictator's Object being to strike terror in the hearts of his political opponents.

1944: Hitler Hits Back

LONDON - From our New York edition: | German army high command conspirators who tried to kill Adolf Hitler attempted s unitaneously to seize the government offices in Berlin, the German radio declared amid indications that a purge of anti-Nazi leaders was continuing. Dispatches re-ported that 5,500 German officers had been arrested as conspirators against Hitler, and a group of generals had gone underground in Germany and occupied countries to get support for their revolt.

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#### OPINION

## America Needs Intelligence But Doesn't Need the CIA

By William Pfaff

PARIS—A recent contributor to close to becoming chief of British the New York Times Magazine, intelligence, but even if he had, the Ron Rosenbaum, has reopened the old question of whether the British spy Kim Philby was actually a triple agent whose defection to Moscow was cover for continued spying for Britain. Mr. Rosenbaum thinks this possible, but the chance is slight.

It is an amusing speculation, but it does — together with the Aldridge Ames case - again raise the question of what spies are for. They recruit one another to betray their respective services, but what posi-

tive things do they accomplish?

The CIA acknowledged recently that it has little current information on Africa because the actual mission of its agents in Africa had always been merely to recruit double agents in Soviet and East bloc embassies. During its nearly five decades of

existence, the CIA has been responsible for certain operations that did the reputation of the United States no good, such as the Bay of Pigs landing and the Phoenix program in Vietnam. On the other hand, its U-2 and satellite photo-intelligence operations were unquestionably important in tracking Soviet military developments.

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The CIA ram the Soviet general staff spy, Olig Penkovsky, but he had offered himself to British intelligence, and they made a gift of him to the CIA. The Khrushchev "secret speech" was also a gift, from Israeli intelligence. The CIA was good at political warfare in the 1950s (creating the Congress for Cultural Freedom, its magazines, and Radio Free Europe), but this later declined to

vulgar propaganda.

The agency's principal activity was always the effort to penetrate Soviet intelligence, while Soviet intelligence was spending its time pen-etrating Western intelligence. In a draft lecture to KGB recruits

that turned up recently among Kim Philby's possessions put up for sale at Sotheby's in London, Mr. Philby says: "I have a dream. It is that one day we, perhaps one of you, will recruit, say, a young Norwegian officer - perhaps even an officer cadet. Over the years, you will nurse him into Norwegian military intelligence, and then finally into NATO

intelligence, but even if he had, the Cold War would have ended just as it did: in Soviet economic and political collapse.

This, of course, is the argument Aldrich Ames makes in his own desion of spying for the Soviet Union that intelligence work is "a self-serving sham" conducted "at considerable human and ethical costs," and

tangible matters and confronts the test of the battlefield. There are plans to steal, orders of battle to learn, weapons and weapons sites to photograph, strategic and tactical decisions to discover. In peacetime, the major directions of scientific and technological evolution are known to everyone working in a given field. There are few secrets.

Peacetime intelligence deals with political intentions and political reality. Any government's policy op-tions are limited, and its decisions usually are soon known. What can spying tell us about the policies that will be followed by Kim Jong

Il in North Korea? Governments, in any case, listen to what they want to hear. Warnings about Iraq's intentions before it invaded Kuwait were ignored because of the Pauls administration. cause of the Bush administration's investment in good relations with Saddam Hussein.

Assessments of the weakness of the Soviet Union during the 1980s were rejected because Reagan administration policy presumed a powerful and dynamic Soviet threat. After Mikhail Gorbachev had convinced Washington that be was an authentic reformer, the Bush administration overestimated his strength because it wanted him to succeed. The Clinton administration may be making the same mistake about Boris Yeltsin, for the same reason. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

of New York has for some time argued that the CIA ought to be closed down. Its "action" capacities can go under military command, he says, and its analysis duplicates that

fense. In April, he said in his confesthat he had done no fundamental harm to the United States. He might have been expected to say that, but it is not necessarily untrue. Wartime intelligence deals with

> ator is correct when he says the CIA, as it has existed for the last 47 years, is at the end of its useful life. Its personnel quality and talent level have fallen steadily since the 1960s. It is demoralized by intelligence fail-

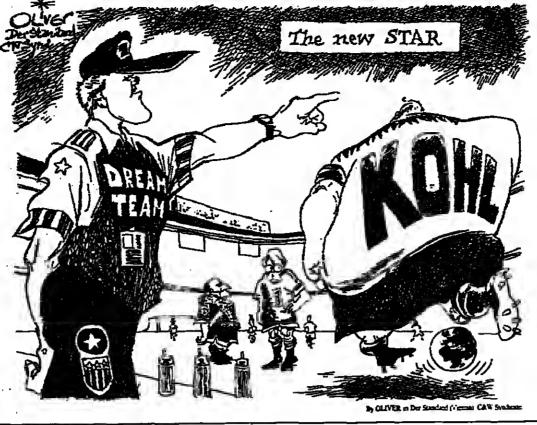
> > ble for its creation. The problems in the world today cannot be treated by bribing police chiefs and local politicians, or by recruiting other people's diplomats to tell Washington their secrets. The useful information today is that supplied by area specialists, historians and ethnologists, and through conventional diplomatic observation and journalism. The U.S. government needs intelligence,

ures, the Ames case and the end of

the Cold War, which was responsi-

not spying. There is a difference.

The United States needs to do something about the outdated or half-baked ideas of foreign countries that circulate in Washington and New York, Instead of the CIA it needs a new, small, organizationally independent, high-talent analytical agency staffed by people who really know foreign countries and international relations. President Clinton should think about it.



#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rule of Law in Bangladesh

Taslima Nasrin is not subjected to political persecution. A judicial prosecution has been initiated under provisions of the penal code which prohibit deliberate and malicious attack on the religious feelings of the citizens of Bangladesh, whether Mus-lim, Hindu, Buddhist or Christian. By mitiating the judicial procedure. the government is extending the protection of law to Ms. Nasrin.

As far as the threats against Ms. Nasrin are concerned, the government issued a stern warning against those who make such threats and who announce rewards for assassins, reminding them that such irresponsible utterances are punishable under law. A judicial case has been initiated against those making threats to the life of Ms. Nasrin. All efforts are being made to ensure that the rule of law prevails.

Bangladesh is not the only country where judicial proceedings are allowed for statements injurious to in-

But how can a government ensure the security of a fugitive who has chosen

to hide to escape justice?

Bangladeshi society has traditionally been tolerant. Extremist trends have always been ephemeral, marginal or local. Bangladeshi society is in a better situation than many other societies, where "ethnic eleansing," racist attacks and profanation of cemeteries are not rare. It is essential that such a society, where people of different religious faiths have lived for centuries in harmony, should not be given over to communal strife in

the name of liberty of expression.

The overwhelming majority of the people of Bangladesh are religious but not fundamentalist, as shown by the poor showing of the fundamentalists in recent elections. To prevent fundamentalism from taking root, the democratic government should be allowed to ensure, within a legal framework, the rights of all its citi-zens, individually and collectively.

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## Since a Good Man Is Hard To Find, Settle for a Dolt

By Ellen Goodman

Gump finally proposes to the woman he has loved since first grade. Will you marry me?" he asks. "I'd

make a good husband, Jenny." At that point, anyone worth the price of the popcorn wants to stand grab him. Never mind that Forrest

#### MEANWHILE

has an 1Q of 75. In the words of countless generations of mothers. 'A good man is hard to find."

Indeed the bottom line of the movie that has become the surprise hit of the summer in the United States is exactly how few and far

between good men are.
in "Forrest Gump," Tom Hanks
acts as a baby boomer's tour guide through three decades of male roles and man-made disasters. Through the wonders of computer-generated imagery, he is seen next to every flawed male icon from Elvis Presley to Richard Nixon. He is innocently drafted into everyman's questionable everyrole, from football star to soldier to entrepreneur. He is picked on by the good of boys when he's young and sent to war by the best and the brightest men when he's grown up. The males in Jenny's life are an

even more dubious lot. They are dysfunctional poster boys. The movie's catalogue of Mr. Wrongs includes a father who abused her, sleazy strip joint customers who beckle her, and an anti-war lefty who slugs her.

Compared with them, Forrest looks pretty, um, good. Does anybody remember when the great American hero was a Jim-my Stewart character from a small town? Today the last American bero

is a Tom Hanks character with a small IQ. Is there a message here? If be is good, is it because be doesn't have the brains to be bad or bitter? Several years ago, Tom Hanks played another appealing New Sen-sitive Male of the era. His character in "Big" was actually a 12-year-old boy magically transported into a grown-up man's body. He was one

guy in touch with his inner child. Not long after that, Mike Nicbols directed a movie about the male psyche that offered the hope of male

BOSTON — Somewhere in the Henry." a master-of-the-universe type became a model husband and type became a model husband and father by getting shot in the head.

Now Tom Hanks is back in "Forrest Gump" and Mike Nichols is back with "Wolf." Will, the main male of "Wolf," is too benign, even passive. He is a middle-aged literary up in the theater and tell Jenny to editor, being eaten alive by bad guys in the corporate jungle. When he is bitten on the hand, Will gets a sbot of that old animal spirit. The hero in this movie is a werewolf. What was in that saliva? Testosterone?

So there we have it. Once a man had to choose between the lady and the tiger. Now a woman at the movies can choose between the slowwitted and the werewolf.

Oh, but I almost forgot the lion. The third movie in this seasonal troika of male images is "The Lion King." Disney offers an animated paean to patriarchy. All is well in the world only when the princes like Simba are willing to take their rightful place on the throne.

Do you get the idea that Hollywood is having trouble with heroes?

With changing scripts?

If I read what is going on here, there is as much ambivalence about defining a good man as finding one.

Men today are handed any num-

ber of mixed cultural messages about who they should be. A good man is expected to be egalitarian and protective. He is supposed to turn away from violence and to be able to defend himself. We want to raise boys who are

strong but not silent, sensitive but survivors. We want our sons to be the men we would want our daughters to marry. But we are afraid they will get clobbered by the alpha males in the playground. The real world, like Holywood, is still full of bad guys.

So we end up with a small, disparate lot of good guys:

Simba, the king of nostalgic fan-tasies for the old "natural order." Will, the modern man who needs sharper fangs to survive.

And Forrest, the only man allowed to utter the simple verities on the screen — "A promise is a pro-mise," and "I'm not a smart man hut I know what love is" - because he is a simpleton. O.K., O.K., a good man is bard to

find. But it's a whole lot harder to

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# Living Aristocratic Life at Beaujolais's 'Newest' Château

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

AGNOLS, France — On a sunny morning, a smattering of guests sat down to a pastoral breakfast on the high lawns of Château de Bagnols. The Victorian chairs were ample, the young waitresses puttered through the grass in long frilly frocks and carried strawberries and little glass pots of yogurt. Beyond the terrace, past the lavender beds, the cherry trees and the dovecotes, shimmered a great valley, tressed with undulating vineyards. It could have been a supreme Merchant Ivory moment. That is, as

long as no one turned around Behind the guests stood the true com-mander of this valley in the Beaujolais region: a 13th-century fortress of immense walls and five towers, its bold outline anchored to an outcropping of rock. Behind a moat, a drawbridge and arrow slits for windows, its builders lived here for generations. Successive noblemen came to boist their banners and gradually expanded the place to represent their might. Now that a meticulous and sumptuous restoration has been completed, affluent travelers can stay here, eat copiously and wander the

Last year Bagnols opened its 20 rooms, halls, tower chambers and courtyards as a

handsome luxury hotel. France, the home of château-hotels, is of course not easily impressed by a newcomer to the scene. But Bagnols has already made ripples and raised some elegant and public eyebrows: For one, its owners are English, not something that happens commonly to a château that is designated a monument

A visiting architect, a Frenchman, said gleefully that the building's sheer age and its sober, clean medieval architecture, more in tune with modern times, made more famous French châteaus look like

overdone nostarts. Bagnols's greatest drawing power is that the castle, like a fine eclectic museum, embodies in one place almost eight centuries of styles and traditions. And it takes a visitor into the beautiful, little-traveled Beaujolais countryside.

As my husband and I approached the château on the 40-minute drive from Lyon, though, it was not love at first sight. From the valley of the Azergues River, the fortress looked squat, a hit of a mongrel, showing stumps instead of soaring towers. The reason was the Revolution of 1789. The new government ordered the tops of all five towers chopped off to diminish the hated symbols of power. The revolutionaries also turned the main halls of Bagnols into council chambers, probably saving the place from further destruction.

Work on the fortress was begun in 1217, when Guichard d'Oingt borrowed a large sum of money from the powerful archbishop of Lyon to huild it. Its first three towers and curtain walls were finished by 1221... The Beaujolais hills were the borderlands on the edge of the kingdom of France. Raids and pillaging by rivals called for strong defenses. Less is known about the fighting around its walls, but the clues are still there: machicolations were added, arrow slits were widened into loopboles, a floor still opens into an oubliette, a trap dungeon where the enemy or troublemaker was dropped and confined to oblivion.

Through times of peace and prosperity, too, the fortress grew as its owners added new living quarters and called artists from Lyon to apply Renaissance friezes and wall paintings, only to bave them covered again with the ornate wood paneling that the later French elite found so irresistible.

From its entrance in the village of Bagnois, the castle looks every bit the grand residence it turned out to be. The outbuildings are welcoming, flanked by a great cuvage, the ball where the grapes were pressed before the winemaking. Beyond the fortress's mighty gate lies its Spartan courtyard.

No sooner had we climbed the equally sober staircase than a young woman appeared, offering to unpack our suitcases and iron any wrinkles. Meanwhile, we peered around our large room, with its wall paintings and fine furniture. She also placed a choice of mineral waters and silver tumblers on an antique desk. The queen-size four-poster bed, half hidden by velvet curtains, was spread with heavy, embroidered linens.

Choosing a room is far from simple, for each is unique. From ours, the Seigneurs d'Albon, named after the owners from the 13th to 15th centuries, we had a view of the valley worthy of a sentinel's.

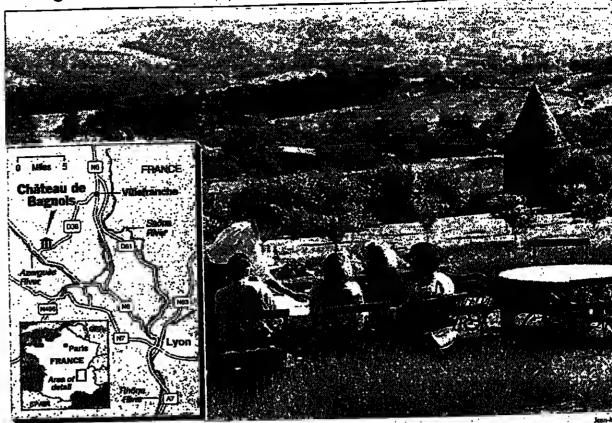
lts most surprising feature, however, was a large circular bathroom, set in one of the southern towers. Here stripping of wallpaper and plaster had revealed salmon pink walls with a gallery of painted white arcades. Two wooden barber stands held round mirrors and large brass soap dishes. My husband immediately drew a bath and settled into the marble Empire tub in the center of the room. The dolphin-headed spouts of the bath had been dutifully copied from the village's 17th-century spring. Naturally this all comes at a price: double rooms start at \$357 a night.

On a quiet day, you can ask for a tour of the unoccupied rooms, worth doing to see the hotel's magnificent French and Italian furniture from the 17th and 18th centuries. Rooms may have carved chimneys or, as in the Guichard d'Oingt room, remarkable tapestries. Some have original arabesques or landscape panels or trompe l'oeil wall

In one much celebrated suite, Madame de Sevigne spent the night in 1673 on her way from Lyon to Paris, although she herself did not remember this fondly. Later she wrote to her daughter about staying in Bagnols, "a miserable little village six leagues from Lyon."

The idea of pouring a fortune into the great wreck of Bagnols (it is whispered to great wreck of Bagnois (it is whispered to have been close to \$6 million) came from Paul Hamlyn, a London publisher, and his wife, Helen. Mrs. Hamlyn, a designer and decorator, came upon the place in 1987, with rainwater splashing through holes in the roof, seeping into Renaissance wall paintings, rotting the beams. It took four years, 200 workmen and uncounted conferentions with French cultural bureanfrontations with French cultural bureaucrats to make it habitable. It meant peeling away plaster work, false ceilings, partitions and all those other layers produced by shifting tastes.

Tom Wilson, the architect, who was making a stopover during our visit, said: "It's been an extraordinary four years. The biggest challenge was installing the wiring



Guests have breakfast served on the lawns of the Château de Bagnols in the Beaujolais region of France (inset).

without opening walls because of the paintings." He said he learned a lot, like how to hide plumbing and electricity in old chimney flues and in the conduits of an-

Mrs. Hamlyn's passion for detail is much evident in the Guards Room, the main dining hall, dominated by one of France's largest and finest Gothic fire-places, sculptured in off-white stone. For this hall and the adjacent dining room, she ordered striped fabrics at Prelle of Lyon, copied from château wall designs. English cabinetmakers produced side tables, trays cabinetmakers produced side tables, trays and wine stands. The cup-footed wine

glasses were handblown in Alsace and have the golden opacity of old glass. She persuaded Raynaud of Limoges to use an 18th-century formula to make the china. Irish table linens were ordered from the company that supplies Buckingham Pal-ace. A shop in the village now sells many of these items.

The old kitchens, resurrected and easily inspected behind great glass walls, produce hearty Lyon-type dishes for hunch and dinner, pates and river fish and plenty of herbs from the kitchen garden. For lunch we tried the foie gras with crushed pink Sichuan pepper and giant shrimps in lob-

ster flavored butter. At night our galantine of quall was layered with fole gras. The vineyards of Bagnols produced our wine, a light Beaujolais cru. After a spicy mousse a l'orange, the table was covered with artful petits fours.

There is much to see in the environs of Bagnols: other châteaus, fortified villages and old farmhouses, and the nearby Beaujolais vineyards. But if you don't have much time, stay near the château, in the southern Beaujolais, if only for the stone. walls, with a natural color between deep honey and copper, aglow as though the sun is always setting on them.

# The Rules of Battle for Getting Across Rome (Alive) on a Motorcycle

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

OME - Rome reveals itself in many ways, and the way it most likes to be seen, at least hy foreign visitors, is through rose-tinted glasses that filter out all but the sweep of palazzos and piazzas, frescoes and friezes. Try seeing Rome through motorcycle goggles, though, and you'll find another city altogether: out there, beyond the Forum and the Campidoglio, it's a war zone - with no prisoners, no mercy and no

To the uninitiated it might appear that the traffic is just chaos, a snarling, honking beast whose only aim is to prevent any

pedestrian from ever crossing the street. That, of course, is one of its prime functions. But within this apparent maybem, there are actually rules, or at least hattle lines, that only the foolbardy ignore. And rule one is: Motorcyclists have no friends. Not even among other motorcyclists.

This was a discovery I made after a friend (possibly destined to become a for-mer friend) first lent me, then sold me, his motorcycle. Not, it is important to note, a motorino, one of those high-pitched scooters engineered to sound like amplified mosquitoes, but a four-cylinder, pitchhlack, 12-year-old, oil-seeping monster with a rar acceleration in straight lines than for turning corners.

Of course, I'd had bikes before. The first was an old British Ariel 600; Make this work, my father said, and I'll get you one you can take on the road. So he and I made it work and I acquired an old British BSA 250, whose engine mercifully seized every time I nudged it beyond 35 miles (55 kilometers) an hour.

Then, there was the DMW 197. Yes, DMW, not BMW, named for a back street operation in Manchester, England, where, they said, a man named Dawson set up the Dayson Maior Walter. Dawson Motor Works, presumably to spin a little trade off any confusion with the rather more prestigious Bayerische Motoren Werke in Munich that produces BMW cars and motorcycles. There wasn't much comparison, though; one 170-mile

trip took nine hours, three gearbox re-buildings and one total engine seizure.

By the time, much later, I got to Africa as a correspondent, another friend lured

me back onto two wheels, persuading me to buy an off-road Japanese thumper with a red tank and knobbly tires.

On it, I rode through Kenya's Great Rift Valley, watching the giraffe feeding on the acacia trees, getting snarled in jams of longhorned cattle guarded by young Masaimen with spears. There were thrills, spills and all manner of adventure. Punctured tires left me marooned by the firesides of thatched villages as night fell; my mishandling of the hike left me marooned in the rees as my (ex) friends roared off into the sunset. I rode it into Nairobi during an attempted coup to see what was happening. ("You, go away," said the sol-dier at the first roadblock, pointing a rifle

at the flame-red apparition, and I obeyed). The successor machine, in Johannesburg, was a bigger, slicker version of the off-road bike I'd had in Nairobi, with just as much of a penchant for adventure. It took me across the dirt tracks to see white extremists like Engene Terre Blanche reliving their notions of a pioneering history in remote spots of the bush. It took me to

segregated black townships. But none of this was any preparation for

The first thing that happens when you ride a motorcycle in Rome is that you wish you hadn't. Forget any notion of two-wheeled solidarity, Harley-hogger style. You tester into the traffic. The motorini buzz you like swarms of irate bees, cutting across your path, appearing from nowhere, darting from side roads with the insouciance that the city demands of its young.

If you survive the motorini, you cope with

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When a television news re-

port overheard in "Forrest Gump" mentions American

astronauts, the audience can

be forgiven for wondering

whether the title character

will soon be seen walking on the moon. The charmed life

of Forrest Gump has led him practically everywhere else, from the White House

(where Presidents Kennedy,

Johnson and Nixon appear to be greeting him amiably)

to an Alabama boarding

house (where he gives pelvis-

shaking lessons to a guest,

the as-yet-unknown Elvis

Presley). "Forrest Gump" is

such an accomplished feat of

cyber-cinema that it makes

these tricks, not to mention

subtler ones, look amazingly

seamless. But Robert Ze-

meckis remains much more

successful at staging bril-liant technical sleight-of-hand than at providing the

dramatic basis for his visual

inventions. Structured as

Forrest's autobiography,

and centering on his lifelong

love for an elusive beauty

named Jenny (Robin Wright), "Forrest Gump" has the elements of an emo-

tionally gripping story. Yet it feels less like a romance

than like a coffee-table book

celebrating the magic of spe-cial effects. Luckily, "For-rest Gump" has Tom Hanks,

the cars. All Italian drivers, with no exception, drive as if they learned the craft from the video game called Tetris where the object is to fit as many objects as possible into a defined area without leaving a single space between them. That means motorcycle sandwich unless you manage to dart be-tween the closing jaws of the Lancias and Fiats before they close on you.

ND, if you survive the cars, you deal with your fellow motorcy-clists, who live with a permanent sense of affront that you might think your motorcycle to be faster, louder, more muscular or more macho than theirs. In practical terms, this means that every traffic hight is a drag rad open road a challenge to change down through three howling gears, twist the throttle and head for the moon - or the

intensive care unit. It is only after this initiation that you

begin to discern the rules. Some rules are negative. For instance, because many motorini have no license plates and therefore cannot be traced by the police, there are no red lights for motorini riders, just as there are no one-way streets, no pedestrian precincts and no distinctions between the road and the sidewalk.

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Pop paleontology: Sotheby's says it will sell a 1957 recording of John Lennon with his first band, made on the very day that he actually met Paul McCartney. The house is also selling the real recl-to-reel

recorder the tape was made on.

Some rules are positive. If, for instance, you manage to get your motorcycle's front tire a hair's breadth ahead of a motorino, motorcycle or car, you enjoy right of way
—but only until that driver senses you will lose your nerve first.

Some rules fall between the two, A red light, for instance, is only red if there's a policeman watching. And only foreign visstors believe that white markings on the street denoting a pedestrian crossing actually require anyone to slow the flow of two-wheeled madness that eddies and swirls round obstacles like the Tiber in flood. One rule is immutable: Buses always

So why do it, friends ask.

· I ride this monstrous motorcycle be cause, for one thing, I can get across town with minimum delay, park without hindrance outside restaurants and thus give myself more time for the really important aspects of life in Rome, such as the pasta.

But beyond those arguments, there's a rose-tinting that goes on with motorcycles that has nothing to do with goggles. Sometimes. I ride motorcycles because it makes me feel (though no one else is fooled) that I am, again, that I6-year-old athwart the stuttering British BSA 250.

Perhaps there is a kind of continuity that starts for all bikers with the equivalent of the Ariel 600 and runs through to the present. The Via del Corso may not be the Rift Valley, and the traffic cops may not be soldiers telling you to go away from the coup, but the motorcycle provides a linear succession between all those places and events. On two wheels, even the mundane can be adventurous; and on two wheels, we can dream the Easy Rider dreams of youth.
For that, even the battle with the motorini is worthwhile.

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Tom Hanks in a scene from "Forrest Gump."

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(Janet Maslin, NYT) Spanking the Monkey Directed by David O. Russell.

In this very funny dark comedy, the phrase conveys a healthy, cross-generational attitude. Ray Aibelli, (Jeremy Davies) the film's trus-trated college-age hero, be-

seems to take a rational approach to sex. But he finds himself at the center of a twisted coming-of-age story.
His misguided experience involves a brief fling at incest with his mother (Alberta Watson). Yet "Spanking the Monkey" remains goodhumored, sane and amusing. It's as if David O. Russell, 35, the film's writer and director, had dared himself to do the impossible in his first

longs to a generation that

with it. (Caryn James, NYT) Angels in the Outfield Directed by William Dear. "Angels in the Outfield," this summer's second base-

feature and gotten away

ball movie intended for a family audience, is a big dripping scoop of marsh-mallow sentiment topped with whipped cream sparim-ality. Updated from the 1951 film starring Paul Douglas as George Knox, a hard-hearted baseball coach, the new version has Danny Glover as Knox, who is now the scowling manager of the California Angels, in last place and so bad they are buffoonish. But with some unexpected heavenly intervention, they begin per-forming wondrous feats. What transforms them is a boy's fervent prayer. When Roger (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), an 11-year-old foster child, hears his father, a drifter, sarcastically remark that the chances of the family's reaniting are as good as those of the Angels winning the permant, the boy takes it as a promise. He prays for the Angels to win the pen-nant, and gets his wish. This Disney movie aspires to the tone of one of the studio's animated fantasies, but it lacks a story even a fraction as compelling or magical. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

# 'Upgrade' Chase: The Stakes Get Higher

By Roger Collis
International Herold Tribune

EW things are more stressful to the frequent flier than waiting at the departure gate for the crucial nod: Shall I have the exquisite joy of an upgrade, from economy to business or business to first, or be sequestered in the class that's printed on my ticket? Look around as the flight is called. Management styles are clashing: exos are on the line.

People desperately want upgrades," says Stephen Heckscher, a marketing executive with Delta Air Lines in London. Corporations generally are saying employees should ride in economy; so the only benefit an employee can get now is a personal upgrade. That's why they're all coming out of the woodwork. People don't seem to have any sense of shame. They go off screaming and hollering about an upgrade and lose all sense of proportion. I mean, if you go into a restaurant and there's an empty table, do you expect a free meal?"

Well, yes. But the airlines have only themselves to blame by debasing the class system with a blizzard of promo-tions and deals, from free upgrades and half-price "companion" fares to "twofor-one" offers.

A recent promotion by American Airlines moved everyone up a class. Buy a business class ticket on the Atlantic with British Airways and you can fly one way on Concorde, Social climbers know how to move up a class by redeeming frequent flier miles or buying a consolidation ticket and saving 50 percent on whatever it was they were supposed to have paid. Assuming anyone knows by this time.

The stakes are high. With first class. costing around twice the business class fare, which in turn can be three times as much as full economy, an upgrade is worth more than a 50 percent discount. The published one-way fares from London to New York are £1,935 (\$2,900) in first class, £1,061 in business, and £360 for full economy, Getting bumped up from economy to business therefore 'saves' you £700.

"Upgrades are always possible, but it's becoming a bit more difficult," says Richard Lovell, managing director of

Wagonlit Travel in London, "As the economy improves, certainly in the U.K., people are moving up the aircraft again and business class is getting fuller, so there are fewer seats to give away, and an increasing number of airlines are getting rid of first class."

He said that sometimes the airline pro-motions "blow a fuse." "A lot of our clients bought two tickets for an airline that was giving upgrades 'subject to availability' in economy and business class. They'd present the economy ticket to see if they got upgraded; if not they'd scrap it for a refund or to use next time and present the business class ticket; which created absolute chaos with the vield management of the airline."

"Delta has a policy basically against upgrades," Heckscher says. "Upgrades

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have to be very specific. We used to send upgrade certificates to travel agents to help them develop their corporate accounts: but now we've even stopped doing that. We do give FFP upgrade certifi-cates plus the occasional operational upgrade, when we move people up a class if we're overbooked."

There are two types of upgrade: those that are pre-ordained, as it were, in the computer, and those that arise for operational reasons (overbooking) at check-in or the departure gate. Both require a strategic and tactical approach. Try to make sure that your PNR (Passenger Name Record) carries a "pre-authoriza-tion to upgrade." Failing that, aim for the designation SFU (Suitable for Upgrade) and the magic "Do all possible to assist," and you'll be top of the list for an upgrade at the gate.

An almost sure-fire way to get an up-grade is to be an FFP member with a gold card traveling on a full-fare ticket. It also helps to be a VIP or CIP (commercially important person). VIPs come in many guises, from an authentic celebrity with whom the airline is glad to be associated to simply someone with some kind of business relationship.

"You could be a VIP for me in PR, sales or marketing. VIP means an important contact with the airline," says lain Burns at American Airlines in London.

"Not only might I type in an upgrade request for you, but I'd do a message 'Do all possible to assist' to special services to meet you at check-in and walk you through."

Tactically, it can pay to target flights that are likely to be overbooked in economy and benefit from an "airline roll," the process by which passengers are "rolled" up to the next class to avoid bumping people off the flight. Unless you have a confirmed upgrade, your priority will be determined by your computer coding, and possibly by the way you are dressed and your demeanor at the

"We give priority to upgrading any full fare passenger along with any mem-ber of the JAL Mileage Bank," says Robert Rigby at Japan Airlines in London. We have no specifie dress code: but smart casual is expected for upgrades to business class and a jacket and tie are expected for first."

According to an SAS spokeswoman in Stockholm, the pecking order for up-grades is: passengers holding EuroBonus award tickets; EuroBonus gold card holders; VIPs and CIPs.

A travel agent can belp by putting through a message to an arrine for a VIP classification, says Lovell. "We can't forge a code; but if we really ask an airline to pull the stops ont they do. You would call the special services manager and say it's critically important, can you arrange an upgrade, have someone met, waft them to a lounge. But you don't cry wolf too often."

"Your best contact for an upgrade is the station manager," said Clive Ray-mond, marketing director of Nice Airport and former general manager of BA in France.

He added, "The best thing that can happen to you is to have a problem with the airline. That gives you an excuse to meet the station manager and build a relationship with him. He's much more important to you than the commercial manager. Call him on some pretext a couple of days before you fly, have a coffce together, write a flattering letter to the president mentioning him; say that you're giving the airline another

Whatever the computer says, a lot can still depend on management style.

## Paris Finale: Jubilant Lacroix

By Suzy Menkes mational Herald Tribune

I E I S U R E

ARIS - With disco lights spinning, feathers fluttering and skirts flouncing, Christian Lacroix's show closed the fall/winter couture season. His jubilant display left an uplifting feeling that it is great to be young. very rich and in love with fashion. The general impression of the week has been that couture has deferred its death warrant now that glamour, femininity and combing your hair are back in style.

Lacroix's preening of fine feathers was the essence of haute couture, but no more than that. The designer said before the show that he was through with couture pretending to influence the street or as a locomotive for licensing. His "it-is-whatit-is" collection handled opulent fabrics and omate embellishment with grace, wit and few glitches.

It also picked up on the current rage for glam rock, not just with the leopard-print runway and mirrored chandelier, but also with big bouffant hairdos last seen on Farrah Fawcett.

All things glam and glitzy included a metallie silver top, multi-colored sequined skirt and shimmering shoes — all worn with the tidy multi-colored tweed jackets and belted coats of daywear. The ultimate raincoat had splatters of gold on transparent plastic.

The disco mania was a smart way of handling the fact that Lacroix's clothes are for an interior pampered world. It is hard to imagine them coming down the street, even though the tailoring was taut and strict and there were pants as well as the flirty parachute skirt that dominated the show. New was the silhouette cut close to the body, and the complex winged shoulder line. That emphasized the return to structure after the fluidity that had infiltrated even haute couture.

But for all Lacroix's glancing references to the 1940s suit and its descendants in the 1970s, the show was less about glam rock, than clothes for those with glamorous rocks of their own. They were clearly the target for the lacy little black and gold party dresses (a client passage that went on too long).

But Lacroix makes romanne dresses for budding beauties who have the wasp waist to trap inside the beart-shaped corset bod-



Lacroix's pinstripe jacket and skirt.

ice of the wedding gown. A fine finale of ball dresses included a wicked black and red corset dress and a delicately embroidered eau-de-nil gilet with a low-slung pine-green velvet skirt.

These evening clothes emphasize not just Lacroix's finesse with subile color and elaborate decoration, but his self-appointed role as personal trainer to the couture suppliers.
He stretches the lace and beadmakers

with complex designs. He exercises the imagination of hand-weavers in tweed. These efforts are sometimes heroic failures. But this season they were mostly lighthanded, with feathered sweater and a fluffy plumed coat symbolizing French fashion at its most frolicsome.

It was the yin and yang of hante couture when Philippe Venet showed his collection immediately before Lacroix. Venet showed pared-down, artfully constructed clothes with no embellishment - outlits that could take you anywhere. There were useful coats with kimono sleeves and sculpted suits, their architectural severity softened with fluffy mohair or by mixing toning colors like coral and tangerine. Colors were bright for evening dresses, sliced at one shoulder, in a raspberry ripple of ruffles or in metallic gold and bronze. In its own distinguished way, it was also the essence of haute couture.

The bouquet of roses that Nina Ricci's bride wore in a coquettish hustle was designer Gérard Pipart's ode to the frankly feminine woman, his style for 30 years at the house. For day she wears a dress or a pleated skirt, flaring out to just over the knee.

Among the avant-garde in ready-to-wear this is called the New Length. Here it was the more familiar New Look. But if the day clothes were irredeemably ladylike, the evening clothes had a glamour and refinement, as the pleats theme was developed as ball gowns the color of metallic candy wrappers, and just as sweet-toothed.

THE psychological crisis of confideoce in haute couture now seems to be over. It had been seen as politically incorrect as the 1990s rejected the excesses of the previous de-cade. Since waif-like, poor-girl elothes do not do anything for the bottom line of upscale stores, the buyers in town welcomed the return to couture values. Joan Kaner of Neiman Marcus praised the return to "romance, glamour and real clothing" after "a lack of fashion,"

Kalman Ruttenstein of Blooomingdales

said that he was excited to see a "return to designing" after all the "limp and floppy

Dawn Mello, president of Bergdorf Goodman, who has had to face across the runway Ellin Saltzman, the fashion editor she fired, was seeing her first conture shows in five years.
"I am excited. With the return to struc-

ture, couture seems very much alive," she

But there has been one death in the high fashion fashion family. W Europe, the glossy publication launched by Fairchild Publications in February 1992, was quietly folded this week.

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Osterreichische Galerie, tel; (222)
79-80700, closed Mondays, Continuing/To Sept. 4: "Der Meister von
Grosslobming: Ein Bildnauer der/Zei;
um 1400." Eine works from the unidentified sculptor known as the Mas-ter of Grosslobming and 40 15thcentury church sculptures.

#### BELGIUM

Bruges Kunstcentrum Oud Sint-Jan, (50) 33-56-66, open daily. To Oct. 2: "Modigilani: De Openbaring." More than 400 drawings and watercolors created in Paris by Italian artist. Amedeo Modigliani from 1908 to 1914. The works were purchased and collected by Paul Alexandre, who became the painter's closest triand and only patron upon his arrival in Parts in 1907.

Durham The Bowes Museum, tel: (833) 69-06-06, open daily. To Sept. 4: "The Tempting Table." The evolution of the formal dinner service in Europe between 1500 and 1870, from medieval and Renaissance style to the

Edinburgh
Scottish National Gallery, tel: (31)
556-8921, open daily. To Sept. 25:
"William Gillies: Watercolours of
Scotland." More than 70 watercolors
by the 20th-century artists. Includes
views of Skye, Fife, the Borders and
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Burrell Collection, to: (+1) 44: "New 41, open daily. To Sept. 94: "New Perspectives: The Italian Renais-sance." Features paintings, delicate glassware, ceramics, arms and ar-mor, illustrated books, textiles and musical instruments from the Italian Renaissance. andon

London
Whitschapel Art Gallery, tel: (71)
377-0107, closed Mondays. To Sept.
11: "Franz Kline: Art and the Structure of Identity." 70 paintings by the American Abstract Expressionist spanning the years 1947 to 1962. Kline is known for canvases using bold black strokes on white, but the show includes many paintings on paper, and a number of colorful works.

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494-58-15, open daily. Continuing/To Oct. 2: "Impressionism to
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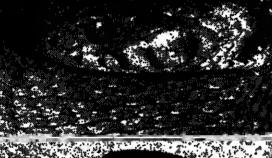
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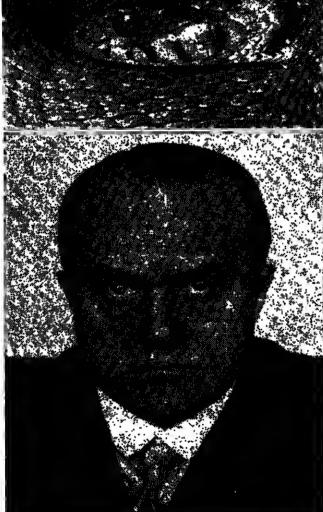
Montreal
Canadian Centre for Architecture,
tel: (514) 939-7000. To Sept. 25:
"The Palladian Revival: Lord Burlington, His Villa and Gardens at Chiswick." Features designs by Palladio
and Inigo Jones, drawings by Burlington and garden studies by Kent,
showing the revival of Palladian influence on English architecture in the
18th century.

18th century. Montreel Museum of Fine Arts, tel: Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (514) 285-1600. To Sept. 11: "ulm Dine: Dessins de la Glyptothèque." About 60 drawings Inspired by the Greek and Roman sculptures of the Glyptotheque in Munich and created between 1987 and 1990.

## DENMARK

Humieback Louisiana Museum of Modern Art. Louisians Museum or Modern Art, tel: (42) 19-07-19, open daily. To Oct. 23: "From Van Gogh to Gerhard Richter: Major Works from the Muse um Folkwang Collection in Essen." A um rowwang Collection in Essen." A view of the history of modern art with paintings from classics such as van Gogh, Munch, Matisse to recent Ger-man and American artists. The paint-ings are supplemented a selection of





Photographs of a viper (1926) and of Max Beckmann (1930), shown at the Louisiana Museum in Denmark.

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GERMANY

drawings, watercolors and photo-graphs. Continuing/To Dec. 26: "La Collection Puiforcat-Niarchos." Exhibited once every 10 FRANCE

L'Iele-sur-la-Sorgue Hôtel de Campredon, tel: 90-38-17-41, closed Mondays. To Oct. 30: "Des Bords de l'Escaut aux Rives de la Sorgue: Les Modernes du Réa-Ilsme à l'Expressionisme 1880-1940." Works by Flemish painters, ranging from Realism to Symbolism, Fauvism and Abstractionism, Including paintings by Louis Artan, James Ensor, Theo van Rysselberghe, Constant Permeke and Victor Servanter

Centre Georges Pompidou, tel: 44-78-12-33, closed Tuesdays. Comin-uing/To Oct. S: "Joseph Beuys." Drawings, objects, sculptures and more than 70 installations

lice Beato et l'Ecole de Yokohama, 1863-1877." Photographs taken dur-ing the 15 years the Italian-born pho-tographer sperit in Japan in the sec-ond half of 19th century. Grand Palais, tel: 44-13-17-17, closed Tuesdays." Continuing/To Aug. 28: "Impressionnisme: Les Ori-olnes, 1859-1869." Focuses on the place, 1659-1869." Focuses on the influences that led young painters such as Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Manet and Degas to Impressionism.

Musee du Louvre, tel: 40-20-51-51,

net and Degas to Impres

Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle, tel: (228) 9171-200. Continuing/To Oct. 16: "Europa, Europa: Das Jahrhundert der Avantgarde in Mittel- und Osteuropa." A multi-disciplinary ex-Centre National de la Photogra-phie, tel: 53-76-12-32, closed Tues-days. Continuing/To July 31: "Fe-lice Beato et l'Ecole de Yokohama.

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two decades with works by Dan Fla-vin, Donald Judd and Sol LeWitt.

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Sprengel Museum, tel: (511) 1683875, open daily. Continuing/To
Sept. 11: "Die Orie der Kunst: Der
Kunstbefrieb als Kunstwerk." Deals
with the current situation of the art
scene and the interaction between a
work of art and the place where it is

Castle Rosenberg, tel: (9261) nach: Ein Maler-Unternehmer aus Franken." 50 paintings, 50 drawings and 35 engravings by the 16th-century German artist Lucas Cranach and the members of his studio.

Haus der Kunst, tel: (89) 211-27-127. To Aug. 14: "Elan Vital oder des Auge des Eros: Kandinsky, Klee, Arp, Miro and Calder." Documents how these five masters of modern art were connected personally and by com-mon traits in their work, with 500 paintings, drawings, sculptures, re-liefs and mobiles.

#### ITALY

Venice Venica
Palazzo Grassi, tel: (41) 522-1375.
Continuing/To Nov. 6: "Rinascimento — Da Brumelleschi a Michelangelo: La Rappresentazione dell'
Architettura." Features 30 architectural models built during the 15th and 16th centuries.

#### JAPAN

Ct:fba Nippon Convention Center, tel: (43) 269-00-01. Continuing/To Aug. 31: "The Smithsonian's Ameri-Aug. 31: "The Smithsonian's Ameri-ca." Documents American history and cultiure from the influence of the trontier to American contributions in science and technology. Tokyo

Mitsukoshi Museum of Art, tel: (3) 3354-1111, closed Mondays. To July 31: "Vanites: Fashion Photogra-phy in the 19th and 20th Centuries." More than 250 photographs by 25 renowned photographers.

#### NETHERLANDS

Van Gogh Mut van Gogh museum, tei: 20-570-52-00, open daily. Continuing/To Ccl. 9: "Van Gogh's Self-Portraits From Parts." 18 self-portraits painted in 1886-1887.

#### PORTUGAL

Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga, tel: 397-6001, closed Mondays, To Aug. 15: "As Tentações de Bosch ou o Eterno Retorno." Focusing on Hieronymus Bosch's triptych "The Temptation of St. Anthony," the exhibition feetures works by Arcimboldo, Dorer, Moreau and Dalf, in which the artists explore the thernatic variations and the symbols of their time. years, the Greek shipping tycoon's collection includes gold gobiets, staver dishes, spice boxes and silver-ware dailing from the 16th to the 20th Musée de Toulon, tel: 94-93-15-64, open daily. To Oct. 30: "L'Art Ameri-cain dans les Collections Publiques en France." American art of the last the symbols of their time.

#### RUSSIA

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Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, tel: 203-69-74, Continuing/To Sept. 9: "Art Collections of the Ar-changelskoye Museum." Paintings. furniture, books and porcelain select-ed from the 40,000 tiems usually exhibited at the Archangel Museum, formerly the estate of the Yussupov

#### SINGAPORE National Museum, tel: 332-3656.

On July 24: "Gerard Mercator et la Geographie dans les Pays-Bes Meri-dionaux." Musée Plantin-Moretus, Asswers.

On July 24: "Wilhelm Lelbi: Ge-dechinisausstellung zum 150. Ge-

burtstag." Neue Pinakothek, Munich. On July 24: "American Impression

ism and Realism: The Painting of Modern Life, 1885-1915." Metropol-

closed Mondays, To Nov 13: : "Alam-kara: 5,000 Years of India," This exhibition, which covers the period 3000 B. C. to 1900 A. D., Includes stone, bronze and terracotta images of deities, paintings of court life, everyday lite and nature, jewelry and other examples of decorative ant on loan from the National Museum, New Delhi, Singapore Institutions and pri-

#### Stockholm

Kulturhuset, tel: (8) 24-23-22, open daily. Continuing/To Aug. 28: "Leo-nardo da Vincl." In addition to mod-ets, drawings, facsimiles, manu-scripts and paintings, including

multi-media kiosks enable the visitor to delve into Renaissance thinking. the lite of Leonardo and the verse SWITZERLAND

Musée Barbier-Mueller, tel: (22) 312-02-70, open daily. To Aug. 30: "Arts Royaux du Cameroun." Statues, doors, seats and vessels from

(26) 22-39-78, open daily. To Nov. 1: "De Matisse à Picasso." 80 paint-ings, drawings and sculptures by 30

by Bonnard, Matisse, Braque, Picasso, Balthus and Chagall. "Lady with an Ermine," a number of

UNITED STATES

Chicago Art Institute, tel: (312) 443-3600, open daily. To Oct. 16: "Goya, Truth and Fantasy. The Cabinet Pictures, Sketches and Miniatures." 100 small-scale works, including surviv-ing oil paintings produced for the

terpleces from the Barnes Collection: Cezanne to Matisse." 80 French im-pressionist, postimpressionist and early modern paintings from the col-lection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes (1872-1951). Includes paintings by Plenoir, Cezanne, van Gogh, Seurat, Monet, and Picasso.

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SAME-SEX UNIONS IN PREMODERN EUROPE

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to attention with a long scholarly book, "Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality:

cized by some as anachronistic and tendentious. As the first openly gay pro-fessor to win tenure at an lvy League nniversity, Boswell made history. Many substantive questions raised about his work have been eclipsed by his general celebrity in a period when gay studies began to enter college curricula. Since his big book, Boswell has been awarded the A. Whitney Griswold

ory department at Yale. pertise in any of the specialties" in his new book, Boswell, in which he claims "mastery." tory department at Yale.

Martigny Fondation Pierre Glannada, tel:

"I lived and worked in Asia

The J. Paul Getty Museum, tel: (310) 459-76-11, closed Mondays. To Sept. 4: "Andre Kertesz: A Cenng oil paintings produced by the Royal Tapestry Factory, sketches for altarpieces and many portraits and self-portraits.

Fort Worth

Kimbell Art Museum, tel: (817)

#### BOOKS

WHAT THEY'RE READING

 Karl-Heinz Zimmerman By John Boswell. 412 pages. \$25. general manager of Munich's Hotel Rafael, is reading "Gai-Jin" by James Clavell.

Reviewed by

Camille Paglia T N 1980, John Boswell came

Gay People in Western Europe from the Beginning of the Chris-tian Era to the Fourteenth Century," which won the American Book Award. Even those who did not read it may have been aware of the controversy over the appearance of the contemporary word "gay" in a book about the Middle Ages, a usage criti-

Professorship of History, as well as chairmanship of the his-

for many years, and I have a Japanese wife. The description of expatriate life in Yokohama in the 1830s gives a fascinating perspective on what it's like to be an expat in Japan today." (John Brunton, IHT) abandons his earlier reliance on But oo ooe without special the word "gay." This retreat has knowledge could be expected to scarcely been noticed in the extraordinary notoriety the book read, a text so crammed with has inspired even before publica-

tioned and routinely conducted by the medieval Catholic Church was aired on network television in the United States, and publicized in the Doonesbury comic strip and in a full page of a major magazine. Evaluation of serious academic books does not normally oc-

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labyrinthine foomotes and ostion. Boswell's thesis - that ho- tentatiously untransliterated extracts from ancient Greek and Old Church Slavonic.

The credibility of Boswell's book rests on three points. First is the authenticity of the medieval manuscripts containing the disputed liturgies, to whose existence in European archives Boswell says he was alerted by "a correspondent who prefers cur in such an atmosphere of oot to be named." Second is the highly politicized pressure. Bos-well states that "Same-Sex manuscripts. Third is the inter-Unions" is directed toward pretation of the texts.

I have oo reason to doubt issues one and two, I also accept his claim of fluency in many

#### languages. However, in my opin-ion, this book, like "Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality," demonstrates that Boswell lacks advanced skills in several major areas, notably intellectual history and textual analysis. The embattled complexities of medieval theology and the ambiguous nuances of language and metaphor familiar to us from great literature seem beyond his grasp. Speculative reasoning is not his strong suit.

such marriages existed outside the imperial Roman smart set, whose cynical "dolce vita" decadence he does not see. Insisting that heterosexual marriage had oo prestige and was "primarily a property arrangement" in antiquity, he repeatedly portrays Achilles and Patroclus as lovers (a Hellenistie fantasy not in Homer), while

Boswell argues that homosexual marriages of some kind

were widely accepted in classi-

cal antiquity and that the medi-

eval church simply continued

the pagan practice. But his

weak, disorganized and anec-

dotal material on Greek and

Roman culture never proves

shockingly never mentioning Odysseus and Penelope, one of the most famous marital bonds in literary history. The question of pagan surviv-als in Christianity is a fascinatmg one, but Boswell neglects the most obvious facts critical for his larger argument. Goosticism and Neoplatonism are never dealt with. Addressing the ambivalent Judeo-Christian attitude toward sexuality, he shows

no understanding of basic philo-

sophic problems of body and soul, matter and spirit. Boswell's treatment of the Middle Ages, ostensibly his specialty, is strangely unpersuasive. The subliminal sexual tension and process of sublimation in asceticism and monasticism, also prominent in Asian religions, are never honestly exam-

Camille Paglia, professor of humanities at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and the author of "Sexual Personae," and the forthcoming "Vamps and Tramps," wrote this for The Washington Post.

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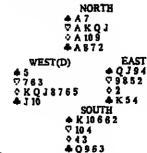
By Alan Truscott

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en tricks, and needed three more. She led a diamond from dummy, and East could not afford to ruff. She discarded, and

ners, discarded ber remaining diamond, scoring the spade ten diamond, reaching this ending: as her tenth trick whatever East chose to do. NORTH



North and South were West led the diamond king. She cashed four heart win- to the club ace and led the last

## Walking to Goma, **An Endless Line**

By Raymond Bonner New York Times Service

GOMA, Zaire - Death struck Thursday with a vengeance. More than 800 dead, many wrapped in straw mats or pieces of cloth, lay along a 5-kilometer (3-mile) stretch of road from

the center of Goma to Munigi.

At Munigi, a small boy walked barefoot across the volcanie rock carrying a bundle in his outstretched arms. Wrapped inside the dirty piece of cloth was his little sister.

As he lay her gently on the rock, a few tears running down his face, two men carried a woman in a blue and yellow striped shirt and pleated skirt by the arms and legs. They dropped her on the rocks - along with the other bodies.

A man sprayed the bodies with a disinfectant. Volunteers wearing gauze masks picked the bodies off the ground and heaved them onto pickups. There were not enough trucks. A dump truck arrived. It was quickly filled.

A little girl in a pink dress with curly black hair, who was seen Wednesday sitting alone beside her dead mother, was still at the camp Thursday. But no longer alone. She sat with two other tiny girls. No one knew who they were or where their mothers were.

"We can't do anything, I am afraid. They just die and die and die, and they keep coming and coming and coming," said Dr. Florence Parent, of the international relief organization. Doctors Without Borders, as she tried to move among a thick congestion of people lying on the ground at Munigi.

Laboratory tests have confirmed that cholera is the killer.

The fortunate stricken had a relative or friend standing over them, holding a saline solution that dripped through a tube into their arms. "We can't cope," said Dr. Parent.

That is what relief workers were saying even before the outbreak of cholera. Now, they say that the world's armies must come. To fight another humanitarian war, as they did for the Kurds who fied Saddam Hussein in 1991.

"It is an overwhelming task that cannot be responded to with traditional methods," said Filippo Grandi, head of an emergency team that has been sent to Rwanda. "It will have to invest the religious continues to the said that he was the said the was

to involve military contingents." The arrival of nearly a million refugees in less than a week is the greatest refugee migration in such a short period that the

relief community has ever faced.

In addition, the refugees have arrived in an area where there are few suitable sites for camps and very little water. Logistical obstacles increase the nightmares for the relief communi-

ty; the airport has only one runway and it is already beginning to crack under the weight of the French military planes and the few cargo jets that have arrived with relief supplies.

"It is discouraging that all we have been able to accomplish so far is move people to sites," Mr. Grandi said. And that is

far from a success at this point.

After more than a week, the columns of walking refugees move unbroken for more than 30 kilometers along the road

#### **BOSNIA:** Serbs Seek More Talks

Continued from Page 1

quire them to give up 30 percent of the territory they now hold.

The declaration remained a secret until Thursday when the Reuters news agency obtained a copy of it in Geneva, where the warring parties were meeting to deliver their responses to representatives of the Contact Group.

their view of a final peace settlement is substantially different from that of the Contact Group as well as of the Muslim-Croat

The Bosnian Serbs' stand provoked signs of an emerging rift within the Contact Group, with the United States, Germany and France all indicating it was unacceptable while the Russian foreign minister, Aner positive" and "not devoid of logic." Creating such a rift is thought to be one of the primary objectives of the Bosnian Serbs at this stage.

In Paris, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Catherine Co-lonna, said the Bosnian Serb reply was "not acceptable," and that there could be no further negotiations before the foreign ministers of the Contact Group meet July 30 to decide what action to take next.

The five Contact Group goveraments have threatened to tighten sanctions on Serbia, the main military and political supporter of the Bosnian Serbs. and to lift the arms embargo on the Muslim-Croat federation if the Bosnian Serhs refused to go along with the plan.

In Bonn, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said the Bosnian Serb response was 'disappointing' and would have to be judged as saying "no" unless there was a change before the meeting of the for-

But in Moscow, the deputy Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mikhail Demurin, said Russia would insist on further negotiations with the Bosnian Serbs' leadership before that meeting to better understand what their preoccupations are and allow them to better explain their

point of view." The Russians appear to be

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supporting the Bosnian Serbs' strategy of prolonging the negotiations in order to avoid additional punitive measures either on the Bosnian Serbs or Serbia.

The Bosnian Serhs made clear in their declaration that federation.

The declaration began by referring to "the former Bosnia-Herzegovina" and stating that there are already "two states" in existence, the self-proclaimed Republic of Srpska and the

The Bosnian Serbs also said that until six additional issues were resolved as part of an overall peace package they vould make no decision on the Contact Group's proposal for the partition of Bosnia.

Among the issues the Bosnian Serbs want to resolve are their share of the capital city. Sarajevo, that is scheduled to remain under United Nations administration for two years; access to the sea for their republic; details of the cessation of hostilities and bow the whole plan would be implemented.

They also said they wanted to negotiate first "constitutional arrangements," an apparent reference to the legal status of the Bosnian Serbian republic and whether it will be allowed to join in a coofederation with Serbia, as the Muslim-Croat federation plans to do with Cro-

As for the partition map preseated by the Contact Group, the Bosnian Serbian declaration said "further work is required," although the proposed borders could serve "in considerable measure as a basis for further negotiations."

After further talks on all these issues, it said, " the Re-

## Deputies Back Santer as EU Chief

STRASBOURG, France -The European Parliament narrowly approved the nomination of Luxembourg's prime minister as the European Union's new chief executive on Thursday, averting a crisis with the Union's national governments.

The assembly voted 260 to 238 to support Jacques Santer's nomination for the European Commission job, with 23 abstentions.

"I think that the European Parliament has shown itself worthy of the powers that have been given to it," Mr. Santer said with apparent relief just after the vote

But during the debate on his nomination, many deputies questioned Mr. Santer's fitness to step into the job, now occupied by Jacques Delors of

A Dutch Liberal, Gijs de Vries, described the nominee as "a man of the past," and a Belgian Socialist, Raymonde Dury, said Mr. Santer had been of-fered "a poisoned chalice" by the major powers that proposed

Parliament's lukewarm endorsement of Mr. Santer ended a chapter of uncertainty in Union politics that began with Britain's veto of Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene of Belgium as Mr. Delors's successor.

Pauline Green of Britain, leader of the Socialist group, the biggest in the 567-member Parliament, said the German presidency should have consulted the assembly after Britain vetoed Mr. Dehaene.

Accusing the Council of Ministers of engaging in only stage-managed consultation with Parliament, she said: "If there is a crisis of confidence, it belongs fairly and squarely at the door of the council."

That veto, imposed against the 11 other member-states at last month's Union summit on the Greek island of Corfu, led to a hectic round of political consultations to see who else could command a consensus.

Mr. Santer was nominated by a special EU summit meeting in



Jacques Delors, left, talking with his successor as EU chief executive, Jacques Santer:

dure, from the behind-thescenes bargaining to the feeling that Mr. Santer's nomination represented a lowest common

"I'm a common denominator, of course, because I was chosen by the 12," Mr. Santer, 57, said at a news conference.
"If I'm the lowest, I don't know.

"You have to judge me on my actions," he added The vote Thursday was not

binding. In December, the Parliament will vote to accept or reject the entire 17-member Eu- party member. ropean Commission, including the chief executive.

Mr. Santer said he would try Brussels July 15, but many Eu- to win over those who were ropean members of Parliament skeptical about him.

"Of course it's not an easy task," he said, "but I will do this with my customary obstinacy and determination." He described his motto as: "Not too strong on formality but tough

when it comes to action." The suspense about the outcome of the vote was pushed to the limit by a last-minute check that voting machines were

The Christian Democratie group, second largest in the assembly, mustered all but 5 of its 157 deputies for an endorsement of Mr. Santer, a fellow

The Socialists, Parliament's biggest group, were divided, with mainly British, German, and French Socialists voting against Mr. Santer, but the

Spanish Portuguese and Greeks voting in favor.
Two-thirds of the Liberals opposed Mr. Santer, as did the

reens and the Communists. The nominee earlier present-ed to the body a broad view of the priorities the commission would follow under his leadership over the next five years. His term begins in January.

He said the EU must reconquer public opinion to persuade citizens that European integra-tion is an unavoidable necessity. And he said that the integration process needed a new stimulus. Another priority would be to generate economic growth, without which, he said, endemie unemployment will never be eradicated.

## U.S. and Seoul Vow Again to Aid North If It Ends A-Plans

SEOUL — The United States mula for dealing with the new tions aimed at charting strategy North Korean leadership, renewed on Thursday an offer of ship in North Korea. economic assistance and diplomatic help if Pyongyang drops any nuclear arms program, Seoul officials said.

The conciliatory remarks came a day after Seoul had denounced North Korea's late president, Kim Il Sung, as a war

In response, Pyongyang of the Korean Peninsula.

called the South's criticism a "The reckless words ar "declaration of war." But analysts played down the war of

The offer of help came at the end of a meeting in Seoul be-tween Assistant Secretary of State Robert L. Gallucci and the Foreign Minister, Han Sung Joo, their first since Mr. Kim's son, Kim Jong II, assumed pow-

The two countries said they would "actively assist" Pyong-yang in upgrading its nuclear reactor for energy purposes if it gave up any nuclear arms ambitions, a Foreign Ministry official said.

A Foreign Ministry spokes-man said that Mr. Gallucci and Mr. Han had affirmed that Pyongyang should freeze its nuclear program if it wanted to carry forward its high-level talks with the United States in Geneva, which were suspended after the death of Kim D Sung.

[U.S. and North Korean netiators agreed "in principle" Thursday on a date to resume poned talks on the North's nuclear In 1 nounced, according to The Associated Press. The press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said the agreement was reached between negotiators in New York. They

delegate to the talks, came to Seoul to start a series of meetand South Korea, seeking a for- ings with officials in four nations aimed at charting strategy

He is to visit Japan, China

While Mr. Gallucci was talking in Seoul, North Korea denounced Prime Minister Lee Yung Dug's assertion that Kim Il Sung had started the Korean War in 1950 and with that act of gression prolonged the split

"The reckless words are not merely a slanderous remark against us but an official declaration of war," the North Kore-

They confirmed that to resolve the nuclear issue com-pletely, "nuclear transparency present and future should be guaranteed, and the truth behind past nuclear activities should be clarified," said the South's official for nuclear af-

fairs, Kim Sam Hoon.

and Russia this month.

an statement said. South Korean analysts were

not disturbed. "Such a response is well expected and does not amount to a change in Pyongyang's poli-cy," said Yu Suk Ryul, a director-general at the Foreign Min-istry's Institute of Foreign

Affairs and National Security. "I don't think it will have any impact on U.S.-North Korean talks or even inter-Korean relations in broad terms."

A Foreign Ministry spokes-nan said that Mr. Gallucci and Mr. Han had reaffirmed the necessity to coordinate policy to help end North Korea's isolation in the world community. Both nations are prepared to bear some "financial or other

burden" to convert North Korea's graphite atomic reactors to safer light-water systems, he said, adding that their policy on North Korean nuclear issues remains unchanged despite Kim Il Sung's death.

Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hong Koo of South Korea told Mr. Gallucci the North-South presidential summit meeting planned before Kim Il Sung's death was still on in principle. even though it had been post-In North Korea on Wednes-

program, the White House anday, the ruling elite publicly nounced, according to The Asswore allegiance to Kim Jong II, who is 52. At a huge rally in the beart of

Pyongyang, representatives of the Communist Party, governwill turn to their governments ment, military and social to confirm the date, which will groups called him their new leader and pledged unity be-Mr. Gallucci, the chief U.S. hind him.

#### RACE: Blacks Press for Equality books in 1988. Since then about

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company recorded a 70 percent a quarter of all new blasting increase in days lost to strikes in the second quarter of this year, compared with the same period

The most visible strike recently was a salary and working-conditions dispute between \$50-a-week black store clerks Pay, one of the nation's largest supermarket chains. When stick-wielding strikers threatened shoppers and managers at several stores, the new government sent in the police, who used rubber bullets to disperse strikers and injured more than 200 of them.

The white husiness establishment was relieved at the show of force; it was almost as if the new government had passed an initiation rite in maintaining public order. Conversely, the black labor union movement felt betrayed. Though President Nelson Mandela has mended fences with black unions, the relationship between old allies seems likely to remain a diffi-

As telling as the action has been inside supermarkets, the more symbolic labor unrest of the post-apartheid era has been in the mines, which have been the primary source of this country's wealth for the past centu-

Race relations in South Africa's gold mines are both a microcosm and a caricature of the larger society. More than 85 percent of skilled miners are tually all of whom are black.

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certificates have gone to nonwhites — too many, say whites, who worry about declining standards and job competition, and too few, say blacks, who worry about tokenism.

It has always been the custom in South African mines to allow the skilled miners - the whites - to go to the head of the line for elevators at the end of their

But the ritual is an inevitable source of friction at the end of long hours in stifling conditions. "You sometimes have to wait an hour or more," said Kenneth Buda, a black mine laborer, "And it makes you mad when the whites go in front."

Sporadie incidents have

flared over the years, and some major mining houses have halted the practice. Last month a group of black

workers at one Gold Field mine

prevented whites from boarding elevators. Punches flew, and a standoff lasted several hours. The next day 183 white miners who belong to the all-white Mineworkers' Union staged a

brief walkout, claiming it was not safe for them to go underground. Several other stabbings and beatings have occurred, with

blood spilled on both sides of The thing we fear most with the coming of South Africa's big political change is a breakdown of discipline," said Flip white, and they earn, on average, roughly 10 times the salary of unskilled mine laborers, virsents about 20,000 skilled miners. "You can't rum a mine in an A 1911 statute that made it atmosphere where a boss says

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## Half the N.F.L.:

## The Comet Show on Jupiter May Last for Several Weeks

By Malcolm W. Browne New York Times Service

NEW YORK -As the spectacular show caused by comet fragments striking Jupiter's pockmarked face continued, some scientists now say that more fragments of the comet. Shocmaker-Levy 9 will be hitting Jupiter for several weeks. As many as five huge impact scars at a time have come into

view on Juditer's face in recent days Besides drilling great holes in Jupiter's upper atmosphere. comet fragments hitting the planet sparked a shimmering display of auroral light, as electrically charged particles created by the impacts interacted with the atmosphere. Although there are frequent auroral discharges on Jupiter, the light from the current one can be seen by even small telescopes. Contrary to earlier predictions, the show may not com-

to slam into Jupiter. Three of the astrophysicists who have been calculating the fate of the comet since it was discovered last year, Zdenek Sekanina, Paul W. Chodas and Donald K. Yeomans, all of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, predicted that a storm of cometary impacts would continue to hit

pletely end Friday, when the last big fragment of the comet is

Jupiter until the end of September. None of the comet fragments due to hit Jupiter after Friday were expected to be as large as those now churning up the

planet's atmosphere, they said. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory team also had good news for sky watchers, both professional and amateur. Any impacts between next Wednesday and Sept. 22 will be on the side of Jupiter facing the Earth, and will be able to be observed directly.

## BOMB: Smithsonian Is Challenged

exhibit "a package of insults" and then refused to be interviewed by exhibit curators. Assuming that the exhibit akes place as scheduled next May at the Air and Space museum, the most physically imposing artifact to be displayed is the restored forward fuselage of

the Enola Gay itself. Veterans who see the Enola Gay as a symbol not of nuclear destruction but of a successful military mission to save lives have gathered 10,000 signatures on petitions demanding that the plane be displayed "proudly and patriotically" or moved to

To most Americans then, the atomic bomb posed no great moral dilemma. They rejoiced at the swiftness of Japan's unconditional surrender without the cost in lives of an invasion. particularly after the bloody battle of Okinawa. In their minds it was all quite simple: Japan was the aggressor, an island nation of unyielding fanatics and anything to end the war without having to invade Japan was worth it.

Military planners estimated upwards of 800,000 American casualties would have resulted from an invasion of Japan. Last month the Smithsonian

hibit script, dated May 31 and described as a finished product. As recently as April, Mr. Harwit noted in a memo, "We do have a lack of balance and much of the criticism leveled against us is understandable." o New York Times Edited by Will Shortz. He appointed a new team of

issued its second and latest ex-

advisers to scrutinize the script. Some of their recommendations were accepted. Many were not. Even the outgoing Smithsonian secretary, Robert McC. Adams,

raised concerns about balance. "The overall impression,

"We don't do things to raise controversy," said the museum director. "This has been a very

even from this revised script, said Mr. Hallion, "is that the Japanese, despite 15 years of ggression, atrocities and brotality, were the victims. The cu- Ministry, Mr. Han came from rators who wrote the script are an elite background. His father still pushing the thesis that the atomic bomb shouldn't have been dropped."

painful sort of experience."

The United Nations managed to deliver some food to two huge camps for the first time since the exodus began a week ago. Earlier efforts to supply the camps were frampered by demands by Rwandau Army

stopped.

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Chinese Expert on U.S. dose of traditional Chinese painting, for which he retained

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sity in Beijing, joining a Com-munist movement that brought

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He once told an interviewer

that he had saved currency

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After the Communist victory,

he rose through the ranks of the

Foreign Ministry, serving as a counselor in the Chinese Em-

bassy in Moscow in 1964-65.

He became head of the minis-

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In 1974-75, Mr. Han's job

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with over the years, George Bush, who headed the U.S. Li-

"Han Xn was an outstanding

representative of China." Mr.

Bush said Wednesday. "Barba-

ra and I knew him well when Xu

was chief of protocol. He repre-

sented his country with great

in his appreciation of all our problems," said John Holder-

dge, former assistant secretary

Pacific, who met Mr. Han in

Beijing. "And he was very adept at making his government's positions understandable to us."

NEW YORK (NYT) - E

Frederic Morrow, a retired

banker, author and executive

assistant to President Dwight

D. Eisenhower, died Tuesday of ...

complications of a stroke at

Mount Sinai Hospital in Man-hattan. He was 88 and lived in

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By Seth Faison New York Times Service

Han Xu Is Dead at 70,

NEW YORK - Han Xu, 70, senior Chinese diplomat whose lifelong association with the United States included a four-year tour as ambassador to Washington in the 1980s, died -Tuesday in Beijing of cancer, the official New China News

Agency reported.

Mr. Han's career was long. intertwined with Chinese-American relations. He helped rescue downed American fighter pilots in World War II. He played a key role in President Richard Nixon's groundbreaking 1972 trip to Beijing, and, finally, he was one of China's main spokesmen to the United States after the Tiananmen

Square crackdown in 1989. Gregarious and finent in English, he became so popular in Washington that when he was recalled from a 1973-79 tour as the deputy head of the Chinese Liaison Office, 30 members of Congress gave him a farewell party.

"He was vivacious, charming and tough," said Michel C. Ok-senberg, who worked with him during the negotiations that preceded China's normalization of relations with the Unit-

ed States in 1979. Like many other successful members of China's Foreign was a judge in the high court of the Nationalist government, which was defeated and driven to Taiwan in 1949.

Born in Beijing in 1924, Mr. Han went to select schools, and his education included a heavy

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#### RWANDA: Refugees Dying

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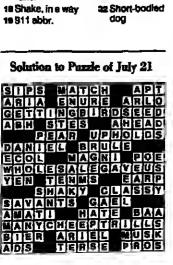
estimated half-million Rwandans massacred since April were Tutsi. The front warned on Thursday that it would take harsh measures against looters in Kigali, the capital. People have been panicked

by radio broadcasts telling Hutu to follow their government into exile. But French of-

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on James Joyce, died July 14. apparently of a heart attack; in South Egremont, Massachu-

Elizabeth Yamashita, 67, 2 former reporter, university professor and head of two college journalism departments, died Tuesday of a heart attack during cancer surgery in Honolulu.



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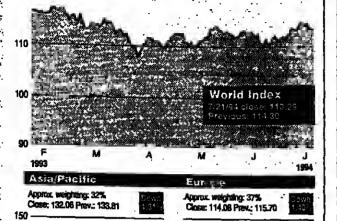
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Utilities	120.09	121,92	-1.50	Plan Materiale	126.45	128.51	-1.60
Finance	117.45	119,24	-1.50	Consumer Goods	98.89	99.56	-0.67
Services	118.66	118.84	-0.15	Miscellaneous	128,16	129,18	-0.80

# Liberty Media Joins in QVC Bid

ator run by Barry Diller.

## Comcast, Gaining an Ally, Changes Offer to All Cash

The two bidders already own stakes of nearly 20 percent each in QVC, a cable-

Mr. Diller built np QVC in recent

television home shopping network oper-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Liberty Media Corp. said Thursday it would join Comeast Corp.'s effort to acquire QVC Inc., and the companies said the \$2.2 billion offer would consist entirely of cash, dropping an earlier securities component of the bid.

Traders said the offer was an improvement over the previous Comcast bid but that it disappointed investors, who had been hoping for a higher bid for the home-shopping concern. QVC's stock fell \$1.75 to \$44.25, just above the \$44 value of the revised offer.

But Dennis McAlpine, research director with Josephthal Lyon & Ross, said the offer had failings, compared with Comcast's original stock-and-cash bid. because an all-cash offer requires QVC shareholders to pay more in taxes. Comcast originally offered \$37 a share in cash and \$7 in preferred stock for the

shares in QVC it does not already own. From its headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania, QVC said it would review the new offer and continue to explore alternatives in order to maximize shareholder value.

years but has harbored ambitions to run more than a shopping service. He failed in a bid to acquire Paramount Communications Inc., which was acquired by Viacom Inc., then tried to purchase CBS Inc., only to have his plan foiled when Comcast bid for QVC. Mr. Diller previously worked for News Corp.'s Fox network, which he expanded, and before

that was at Paramount.

Liberty, a cable-programming affiliate
of Tele-Communications Inc., would own 43 percent of QVC if the takeover is completed. The companies agreed that Comcast, with its 57 percent stake, would manage QVC.

John Malone, the head of Tele-Com-munications, was said last week to be unhappy about Comcast's bid for QVC because it would gain control of the company at a bargain price. He was rumored to have been considering a rival bid. The Liberty-Comcast joint acquisition will hoist antitrust red flags, analysts

warn, because Tele-Communications owns a controlling stake in QVC's main rival, Home Shopping Network Inc. But some analysis said the companies must have taken this into consideration, perhaps by planning a disposal of the Home Shopping stake by Tele-Communications. Liberty and Comeast originally joined

to make QVC into a cable powerhouse by persuading the high-profile Mr. Diller to join the company. Liberty and Comeast also supported Mr. Diller, who holds 12.5 percent of QVC's shares, in his failed attempt to take over Paramount.

Liberty's Class A shares rose 81.3 cents to 521.063, while Philadelphiabased Comcast, a cable-television operator, was up 87.5 cents. at \$16.75. Comcast also provides cellular telephone services and owns the Muzak background music syssem.

Comcast operates cable television systems serving about three million sub-scribers. Liberty operates cable television systems serving about 3.2 million subscribers and bas interests in several

cable programming ventures.
(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg, Reuters)

day in London, the dollar closed

at 1.5758 DM and 98.60 yen.

# **IBM Earnings Beat Estimates** As Costs Drop

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ARMONK, New York - International Business Machines Corp. reported second-quarter earnings of \$689 million on Thursday, reversing a record loss a year earlier as expenses

The company also said it was expanding its cost-cutting

Meanwhile, among the other U.S. companies reporting results, Catepillar Inc. had a record quarter, reflecting demand for its tractors and construction equipment in the Americas and

IBM earned \$1.14 per share in the quarter ended June 30. far exceeding Wall Street's ex-pectations of 73 cents per share. IBM stock climbed \$5.25 10 \$61.125 in late trading on the New York Stock Exchange, "Frankly, the earnings im-

provements have come a bit faster than we thought they were even four or five months ago," Jerry York, chief financial officer, said in a speech to analysts Thursday.

In the second quarter a year go, the company lost \$40 mil-The Bundesbank's actions, lion before a restructuring charge of \$8.9 billion, the largwhich were ecboed by stand-pat stances in Switzerland and Ausest in its history. tria, were welcomed by German

Revenue for the latest quar-ter were \$15.4 billion, down government and business leaders. "Through this, the Bundes-bank underlines its duty to folslightly from \$15.5 billion a year ago. Since then, IBM sold low an anti-inflation policy and a division that designed specialto limit the inflationary potenized systems for government tial contained in the current agencies. With that division exrapid expansion in money supcluded from the year-ago figoly," the German Federation of ures, revenues were up 3 percent in the latest period. Mr. Tietmeyer said the cur-rent level of German interest

IBM said sales were flat in all regions except Asia, where it reported a 14 percent increase. rates was appropriate for the Louis V. Gerstner Jr., chief executive, said he was pleased with the company's progress. "We are still far from where we need to be, but we are showing steady improvement," he said. The company also said it would aim to cut expenses by \$8

billion by 1996, raising its target from \$7 billion announced earlier. At the end of June, IBM was more than half way to the larger target, having cut cumulative expenses by \$4.8 billion.

The company also plans to reach its goal of cutting 20,000 jobs by the end of the year.

1BM has been forced to undergo radical changes to cope

#### Coca-Cola picks its president and heir to chairman. Page 10.

with shifting demand from lucrative mainframes and minicomputers to smaller and lessprofitable personal computers.

IBM also said its debt had declined \$2.1 billion since Dec. 31, to \$25.2 billion as of June

For the rest of the year, Jerome B. York, chief financial officer, said he expected a stronger performance than in the second quarter. (AP. Bloomberg)

#### ■ Caterpillar Profit Soars

Caterpillar's second-quarter net income more than tripled 10 \$240 million from \$67 million, Knight-Ridder reported from Chicago. Quarterly revenue rose 24 percent, to \$3.61 billion, boosted by a 21 percent increase in volume in the machinery and engines division. Demand for construction products rose in North and South America and Asia, the company said,

The results beat Wall Street's

expectations. United Auto Workers union members continue to strike the company, although Caterpillar said about 3,000 union members have crossed the picket line and are now working alongside management employees. Even if the strike continues, it will bave "minimal impact on sales

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## Bundesbank Happy With German Signs

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT - Inflation, the Bundesbank's arch enemy, and money supply, its main compass, are both pointing in the right direction - Jower. But they are not moving as decisively as Europe's most powerful central bank would like, it said Thursday after taking its midvear bearings.

"To be happy, we'd have to be in the corndor," Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer said, referring to the central bank's 4 percent-to-6 percent target range for full-year money supply growth, which signals a nearterm level of inflation the Bundesbank considers tolerable.

Bundesbank "hopes that will continue," he said. Mr. Tietmeyer said M-3

had slowed to an annualized last three months, after ballooning dangerously from January to the end of March.

In June alone, however, it still clocked in well above target at an annualized 11.3 percent over the fourth quarter of 1993. Germany's chief central banker said it was 'not very likely" that the Bundesbank

will hit its target of 4 percentto-6 percent growth for the year, but be said the Bundesbank nevertheless would stick to its goal to avoid any impres-sion it had gone soft in its campaign against inflation.
"We'll probably have to tol-

But the indicators point "in "We'll probably have to tol-the right direction," and the crate a certain overshoot this year," Mr. Tietmeyer said. The Bundesbank pnt Ger-man interest rates, which dic-

money supply, the central tate rates throughout Europe, bank's most closely watched on hold at least until the end of barometer of future inflation. August by leaving its key discount and Lombard rates, the rate around 6 percent for the floor and ceiling on German interest rates, unchanged at 4.5 percent and 6.0 percent, respectively.

It also announced it would allocate its benchmark securities repurchase agreements, the instruments most relevant to markets, at a fixed 4.85 percent for the next four weeks. That is marginally lower than the last current rate of 4.88 percent.

"We need tranquility," said Edgar Meiter, a Bundesbank governor, noting that any hint of its future interest-rate plans would have thrown already-volatile markets into a tizzy. Mr. Tietmeyer said the

Bundesbank, like the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, was interested in a "strong dollar," as well as a strong Deutsche mark. Thurs-

search institute, one of six independent economics think-tanks

German economy, which re-cently began to pull itself out of

its worst recession in decades.

Chambers of Commerce said.

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The Berlin-based DIW re-

## WALL STREET WATCH

## Style' Loses Its Substance

By Leslie Eaton New York Times Service

TEW YORK — In the stock market, style is usually as important as substance. But not this year.

Style, as investment professionals use the word, does not refer to hemlines or lapel widths or the chiffon-and-combat-boot look. On Wall Street, style means the way portfolio managers pick stocks and the kind of stocks

they stay with.

The appeal of investment styles is that when one is out, another is usually in. The nimble investor may be able to move from one style to another as they ebb and flow; conservative investors could cushion losses by owning funds with different approaches.

But not this year. The two major style categories — growth and value — are both losing, and by almost an identical amount. Wilshire Asset Management reports that its stock index funds that followed the value style of investing fell 5.06 percent in the first half, while its growth funds fell 5.02 percent.
Value investing is sometimes described

simply as buying cheap stocks. Its adherents look for stocks that are selling for relatively little, by comparison with their assets or earn-Looking at the 750 largest stocks on American markets, Wilshire categorizes as value stocks the 20 percent with the lowest pri-

ce/earnings ratios, lowest price-to-book ra-tios and highest yields, among other factors. But if value investors are of the "bird-inthe hand" persuasion, growth investors go for the "two in the bush," looking for companies that they expect to perform well in the future.

In Japan Wilshire's growth index features companies with rapidly growing sales and carnings and

high returns on equity.

Over the long haul, these two Wilshire indexes have turned in quite similar results. From 1978 through this year, the value index's average annual return has been 15.6 percent, while the growth index's return has been 14.3 percent.
But in the short run, the two indexes tend
to turn in very different results. For example,

in 1991, value rose 25.6 percent, but growth

in 1991, value rose 25.0 percent, but glown zoomed 46.6 percent. An extreme example occurred in 1981, when value gained 10.3 percent while growth lost 10.7 percent.

These two styles will sometimes move together for a couple of months, often when the overall market is bad. For example, both plunged during the quarter that included the market collapse of 1987, though growth was bit herder than value. Both also ended that hit harder than value. Both also ended that year with gains.
But the last time these two indexes were

both down for two quarters in a row, as they are now, was more than a decade ago, in 1982. In the first half then, growth did far worse than value, but it almost closed the gap in the fourth quarter and ended the year with a gain of 14.5 percent, compared with 15.8 percent

for value. Statistical junkies may take hope from that rebound and from the fact that not since 1978 have both the big value and big growth index-

This is not the case for the value and growth indexes that track smaller stocks, however. Both of those fell in 1987, and in 1990, a terrible year for small stocks, both indexes plunged more than 19 percent.

# Sony to Close

TOKYO — Sony Corp., which has been suffering from low sales and the high yen, said Thursday it will close one of its factories in Japan early next

The Atsuta plant in Nagoya, Sony's first factory in Japan to close, has produced mainly printed circuit boards for video recorders and disk players.

The work will be shifted to Sony's Neagari plant, about 160 kilometers (100 miles) to the

Sony said it is asking the 210 workers — less than 1 percent of the company's total in Japan
— whether they want to be
transferred to Neagari or stay in

Both plants make parts for products aimed at the Japanese

billion yen, in the year ended March 31. Sales slipped 6.5 per-cent, to 3.73 trillion yen. Japan has been in an eco-

Nagoya and work at other Sony affiliates. The Atsuta plant began operating about 20 years ago. Its sales totaled roughly 10 billion year (\$100 million) last year.

In May, Sony Corp. reported that its consolidated profit plunged 57.8 percent, to 15.30

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#### **MARKET DIARY**

## **Earnings Reports** Shake Up Equities

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches cent Wednesday and the yield NEW YORK — Wall Street on three-year notes jumped to turned in a mixed performance 6.38 percent from 6.34 percent. Thursday as positive secondquarter earnings reports were tempered by companies that failed to meet expectations and by some lingering inflation con-

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 5.18 points, at 3,732.45, while declining stocks

#### **U.S. Stocks**

outnumbered gainers by an 11-10-9 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

In the bond market, trading was choppy as investors digested prospects for the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates soon to stop inflation

from accelerating.
The price of the 30-year Trea-28/32, but prices of shorter-maanti-inflation expectations were more important for the longermaturity issues, while the short end of the market was affected by the immediate interest-rate

The yield on the long bond was steady at 7.54 percent, but quarter eclipsed first-quarter in 7.25 percent from 7.23 per-fold.

IBM was the most actively traded Big Board stock, jumping 6% to 62% after reporting second-quarter earnings that doubled analysts' expectations.

The market today is one stock - IBM," said Lawrence Rice, chief market strategist at Josephthal Lyon & Ross in New York. "That is the story of the day and the story of the

The Dow's gain would have been greater had United Technologies not reported worsethan-expected profits that sent the defense contractor's stock down 3¼ to 62%.

Johnson & Johnson rose 1% to 46% after a Merrill Lynch analyst raised his recommenda-tion on the maker of health-care sury bond was little changed, products to above average from edging up 1/32 point to 84 neutral in the intermediate term and to buy from neutral over turity notes and bills fell. The the loog term. The company reported strong earnings this

In over-the-counter trading, Integrated Device Technology dropped 77/16 to 181/2 after the computer chipmaker's cautious outlook for its financial second

#### **SIGNS:** Directions Are Correct

Continued from Page 9 in the country, on Thursday raised its forecast for 1994 growth in the West German economy to 1.5 percent. Previously, the bearish institute had

bly shrink, DIW now predicts that the pan-German economy will grow by 2.0 percent this year and by 2.0 percent in 1995.

said the economy would proba-

The Bundesbank's actions were in character for an institution known for its independence and inertia. After years of telling markets that rapidly expanding M-3 was a strong warning of strong inflation to come, few observers expected the Bundesbank to turn around and say M-3 was irrelevant.

Indeed, Mr. Tietmeyer and other Bundesbank governors said that M-3, which includes

cash in circulation, sight deposits, time deposits under four years and most savings accounts, remains their guide of

"Our M-3 goal contains an element of German stabilitymindedness," Mr. Tietmeyer

When M3 becomes distorted by special factors that in themselves do not forebode or fuel inflation, however, the Bundesbank takes lots of other indicators into consideration, he said.

"As long as the other things tell us we're going in the right direction," the Bundesbank is not as bothered by an M-3 overshoot, he added.

The M-3 target has been overshot for the last two years. The Bundesbank last cut its discount and Lombard rates on

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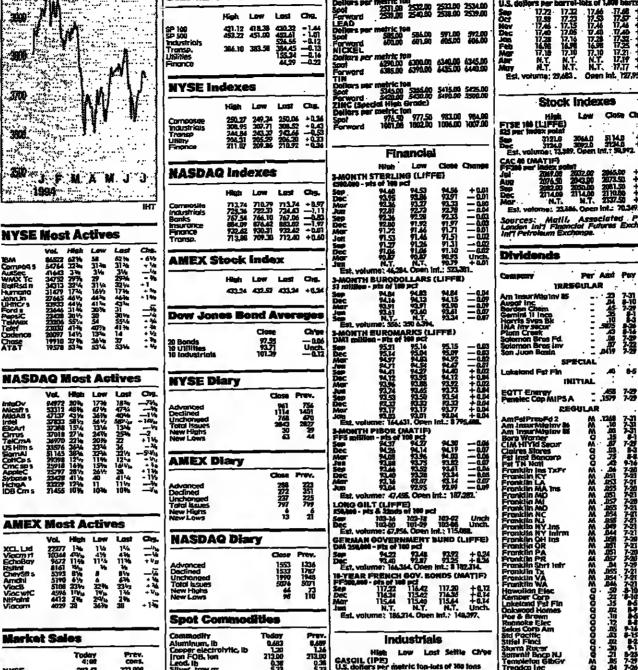
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EUROPEAN FUTURES

## Apples Aren't Core Trade Issue, U.S. Tells China

Industrials

By Steve Mufson hington Post Service

BELIING - Do not confuse apples and oranges, a U.S. official told Chinese trade representatives Thursday. For that matter, do not confuse apples and compact disks. computer software, or insurance.

A day after apples from Washington state were displayed at a news conference as evidence that China was opening up its market to U.S. goods, the deputy U.S. trade representative, Charlene Barsbevsky, said China needed to do more to improve trade relations and to win admission to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. 'Apples are apples, citrus is something Ms. Barshevsky said at a news confer-

ence after what she described as "frank" talks with China's trade minister, Wu Yi. Ms. Barshevsky said that even though China this month had allowed in its first shipments of Washington apples, Beijing coatinued to prohibit imports of oranges and all other agricultural products from

California. Moreover, she said, China had failed to take action in other areas of trade, including putting an end to "rampant" pirating of compact disks and computer software that costs American companies an estimated \$1 billion a year.

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[Bloomberg Business News reported that Ms. Barshevsky said China had reacted coolly to a U.S. demand that it shut all 26 of its compact-disk factories to stop pirated CDs from flooding Asian markets. ["We have asked for the factories to be closed, and the response was quite cautions," she said.]

## Coke Taps Goizueta Successor

ATLANTA - Coca-Cola Co. on Thursday named Douglas lvester president and chief operating officer, making him the heir apparent at the world's largest soft-drink maker — whenever its chairman decides to step down.

The promotion apparently settles a 17-month contest between Mr. I wester and mathematical provident look Historical Contest Settles and Contest Settles Sett

Mr. Ivester and another executive vice president, John Hunter, for

the No. 2 position at the company, analysts said.

"The competition appears to be over, and Ivester won," said
Roy Burry, a beverage industry analyst at Kidder, Peabody & Co.
"But the race has been lengthened far into the future."

Coca-Cola announced in April that its chairman and chief executive, Roberto Goizneta, would continue running the company after reaching the customary retirement age of 65 in 1996.

As president, Mr. Ivester, 47, will supervise international operations, which account for about 80 percent of Coke's profit. He had

been in charge only of the company's North American operations.

Mr. Hunter, an Australian who will now report to Mr. Ivester,
has been running the company's overseas business.

"Ivester had to prove his mettle by reviving domestic soft-drink
sales in the IIS. sales in the U.S., and he has succeeded in recent quarters," Mr. Burry said. Coke this week reported a 12 percent rise in secondquarter profit on sales increases of 7 percent sales in the United (Bloomberg, Reuters) States and 6 percent internationally.

#### Amoco Plans to Slash 3,800 Jobs

CHICAGO (AP) - Amoco Corp. said Thursday it would 3,800 CHICAGO (AP) — Amoco Corp. said Thursday it would 3,800 jobs over the next year, the second significant staffing slash since 1992 for one of the United States' biggest oil companies.

Amoco said 700 more jobs would be eliminated by the end of 1996 in a move to "improve efficiencies in support staff."

A number of large oil companies have undertaken similar moves, blaming the depressed price of petroleum and restrictions on domestic drilling. Nonetheless, the cutbacks have served as a reminder that job losses are continuing even as the overall American economy gets healthier.

#### **Monsanto Reports Record Earnings**

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (AP) — Monsanto Co. had a 29 percent increase in second-quarter earnings because of increased demand for agricultural products and efforts to cut costs, the company

said Thursday.

The St. Louis-based chemical-and-agricultural products maker The St. Louis-based chemical-and-agricultural products maker earned \$258 million, or \$2.19 per share, on sales of \$2.27 billion, compared with earnings of \$200 million, or \$1.66 per share, on sales of \$2.23 billion in the 1993 second quarter.

The results exceeded Wall Street expectations, and investors bid Monsanto's stock higher. Monsanto shares closed up 87.5 cents at \$76.625 on the New York Stock Exchange.

## Colgate Profit Is Less Than Expected

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Colgate Palmolive Co. said its second-quarter profit rose a less-than-expected 4 percent as poor results in North America dragged down earnings.

The consumer-products company said profit from operations rose to \$147.7 million, or 97 cents a share, compared with net income of \$142.4 million, or 86 cents, in the year-ago quarter. The results were lower than Wall Street expectations of 98 cents share, the mean estimate of 14 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. Colgate closed down \$1.75 at \$50.50.

#### Revenue Rise Bolsters Northwest

MINNEAPOLIS (Bloomberg) - Northwest Airlines Corp. reported record second-quarter profit due largely to an 8.5 percent

rise in revenue, the company said Thursday.

The fourth-largest air carrier in the United States said it had net income of \$71.3 million, or 63 cents a share after preferred dividends, compared with a year-earlier loss of \$136.2 million.

Sales rose to \$2.27 billion.

"The excellent results are consistent with our plan for the quarter and for the first half," said John Dasburg, the Northwest president. The company had indicated last week that results president are said analysis, estimates, which ranged from 20 cents to

would exceed analysts' estimates, which ranged from 20 cents to 46 cents a share.

#### For the Record

Mesa Airlines Inc., the largest U.S. regional air carrier, signed a letter of intent to buy some assets of USAir Group Inc.'s Allegheny Commuter Airlines. (Bloomberg)

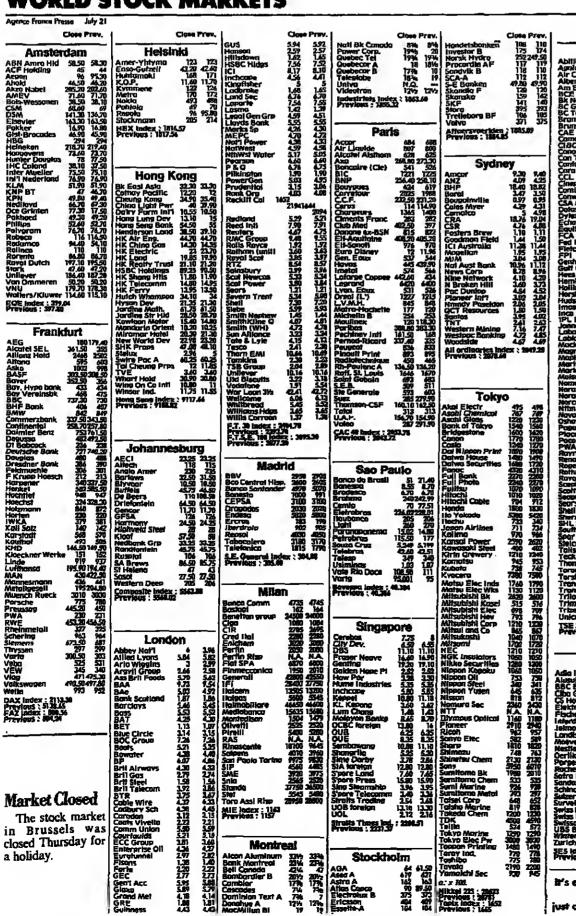
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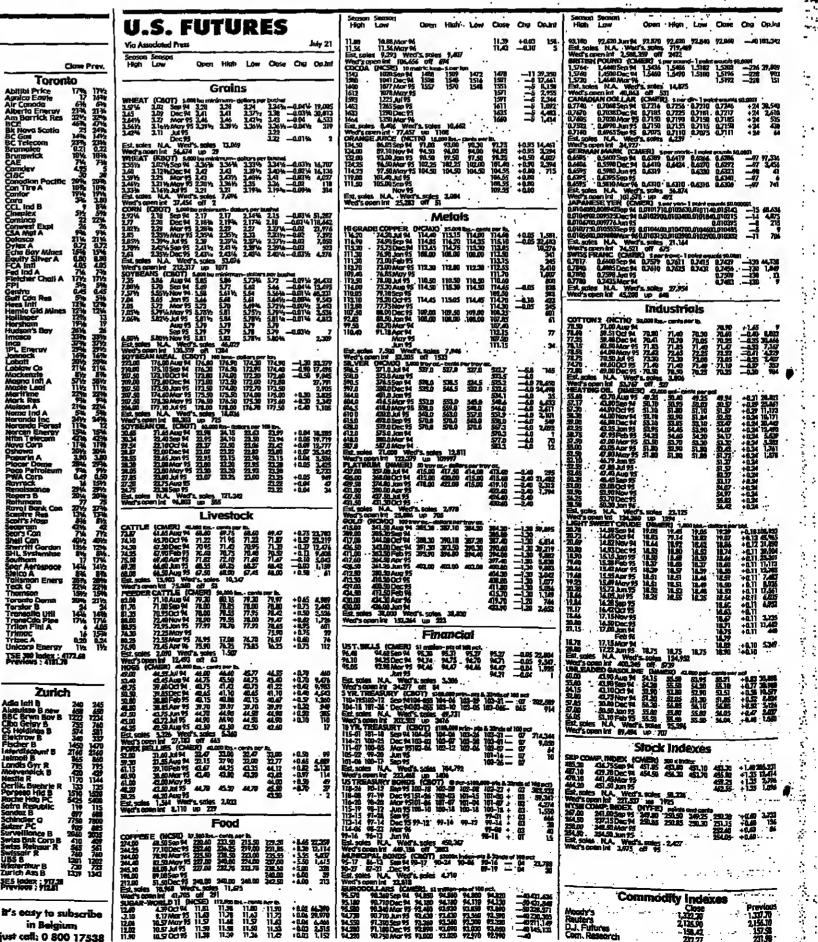
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## Wellcome Posts Higher Profit, **But Stock Falls**

PLC on Thursday reported chairman and chief executive, higher sales and profit for the said recent speculation about a 10 months ended June 30, led possible merger or takover was by a strong performance by its herpes drug Zovirax, but its In addition, the company stock dropped as the results fell said doctors were still shunning short of expectations.

#### British Air Says Air France's Aid Breaks EU Pact

PARIS - British Airways has cover reorganization costs. complained to the European The company disclosed 10-Commission that France's plan month results because it is to help its indebted national carrier, Air France, breaks European Union subsidy guidelines, according to a memorandum seen here Thursday.

Industry Testitts because it is changing its year-end to Dec. 31 from Feb. 28. It previously announced results for the six months ended in February.

Wellcome's stock because it is

er charged that the plan to give 20 billion French francs (\$3.7 billion) to Air France violates the Treaty of Rome.

Air France "could resolve its problems without this aid," by giving up its stake in 20 compa-nies, the British carrier said. Air France has interests in a range of companies including Meridien, Servair, Air Charter, Jet Tour, Sabena and Air Afrique.

The commission is expected to approve the French plan Wednesday.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches hurt by the fading of prospects LONDON — Wellcome for a takeover bid. John Robb,

"very wide of the mark." its AIDS treatment Retrovir, or Analysts said the pharmaceu- AZT, because of controversy tical company's shares also were about its use in treating patients at an early stage of infection.

Wellcome said profit before tax and exceptional items rose 12 percent from a year earlier, to 5546 million (3846 million), but the market had been looking for earnings of £550 million to £600 million. The company also took a larger-than-expected exceptional charge of £58 million to

ended 7 pence lower at 606, Specifically, the British carri- rallying late in the day after being down as much as 17. Mr. Robb said sales of Zo-

virax were up 15 percent in March through June, excluding gains from currency transla-tions. In the United States, sales were up 27 percent

But Retrovir sales fell 15 percent, hit by the findings of a British-French study that questioned the drug's use in patients diagnosed as having the virus that causes acquired immme deficiency syndrome who had not yet shown symptoms of AIDS. (Reuters, AFX)

## Could British Tradition Change? High-Priced Retail Banks Are Aghast at the Thought

LONDON - Do consumers care what their banks charge them for their loans and pay them for their deposits? Surprisingly, in Britain the answer has

long been no.
"It is traditionally a marketplace that has been all about loyalty and long-term relationships," said Graham Wallace, a spokesman for TSB Bank PLC, "It has long been inertia among consumers that has dictated a certain lack of price com-

But suddenly, those old and highly profitable assumptions are looking fee-ble. While Britain's largest banks are widely expected to report spectacular gains in first-half earnings at the beginning of next week, a chill wind has churned up. There is growing fear that price-cutting and special-offer competition may at last come to British retail

"In the past, U.K. consumers have been willing to pay enormous costs," said Chris Williams, an analyst at Fox-Pitt Kelton. For example, banks in Brit-ain charge up to 18.4 percent in interest on checking-account overdrafts, while U.S. banks charge half that, he said. Such hefty charges are "unsustainable" in a banking market presently awash in capacity and singularly lacking in loan

What started tongues wagging was a salvo fired this months by Abbey National PLC, the building-society-turnedbank. It slashed its interest rate charge on overdrafts from 18 percent to just under 10 percent. It was a move quickly copied by a number of building societies. which are similar to American savings

and loan associations. While such moves were dismissed by the major banks as loss leaders thrown up by marginal players in those types of accounts, Wednesday's move by Midland Bank PLC was a horse of a different color. Midland, a unit of HSBC Holdings, said it

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was offering what amounted to a summer sale on loans of more than £5,000 (\$7,750), shaving rates by half a percentage point until the end of September.
"So far these are all marketing exer-

cises rather than cut-throat competition, but the question is is this just the thin edge on the wedge," said Hugh Pyc, an analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd. What makes bankers and investors increasingly nervous is that no one knows

'Retail banking in the U.K. is a big golden goose. 'So why kill it?'

Hugh Pye, banking analyst with Barciays de Zoete Wedd.

for sure. Midland, for instance, denies it has any intention of touching off a price war. It, like its main competitors, insists that the real battle rages on the far safer turf of quality of service rather than

What the customers of British banks really want, insists Angela Fellows, a spokeswoman for Lloyds Bank PLC, is "warm-and-cuddly treatment" from their bank's staff. To ensure that tellers smile and loan officers make eye contact, Lloyds employs "mystery shoppers" who report back to management.

Others emphasize error-free banking. Midland Bank recently unveiled a promotion offering customers who transfer accounts there £10 for each mistake that is made in the process. Midland says its research has shown that 8.5 million customers are dying to move their accounts and that it just wants to make the process

less daunting. A competitor dismissed it as an ineffective marketing ploy: "What, I'm sup-posed to move my account to Midland in the hope that they'll make a mistake a pay me 10 pounds?"

But for Britain's bankers, the tit-for-tat battle on the service front only underlines the basic problem: The banks are largely interchangeable, offering virtually indentical services with virtually identical service levels. That leaves only price as a possible means to differentiate them-

Building societies and other financial institutions are keen to exploit that opportunity. Direct Line Insurance PLC, the Royal Bank of Scotland subsidiary that sells auto and home insurance over the telephone, this month fired its first round at the banks. It unveiled a pilot program offering mortgages one per-centage point below the average bank rate. What is more, it claims it will be able to arrange a mortgage over the phone in as little as 20 minutes, "We wouldn't be doing this if we did not think that we could take quite a big share of the market," said Miranda Pount, a spokeswoman for Direct Line.

By selling its products over the phone and not through an extensive and costly branch network. Direct Line's costs are hugely below those of the traditional mortgage lenders. It was by pushing the same advantages of cost and speed that Direct Line made mincemeat of its competitors in the insurance market. In just nine years, it has become the largest car

insurer in the land. Also looming is the proposed acquisi-tion of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society by Lloyds Bank. C&G's cost base, measured by its cost income ratio, is roughly two-thirds that of the big banks. As the future mortgage lending arm of Lloyds, that will translate to either fat margins on a far bigger book of mortgage lending or to the potential to

cut prices and gain market share. All these threats remain some way off, owever. In the nearer term, analysts and bankers alike predicted increased competition in the form of more special offers. "Retail banking in the U.K. is a big golden goose," Mr. Pye said. "So why kill it?"

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#### Very briefly:

• Celtech Group PLC, a British biotechnology company, said Merck & Co. of the United States would pay it "double-digit" royalties plus as much as £31.5 million (\$49 million) over five years for marketing rights to a once-a-day anti-asthma drug now

• LM Ericsson AB of Sweden and Raychem Corp. of the United States said they planned a joint venture to design, make and sell fiber-optic access networks to telecommunications companies around the world.

France had a trade deficit of 7.57 billion francs (\$1 billion) in May, slightly narrowed from 7.81 billion francs in April, and the five-month deficit widened to 30.6 billion francs from 29.9 billion francs. In Britain, the trade gap shrank to £495 million in June from a revised £672 million in May.

 Prudential Corp., the largest British life insurer, said revenue from new premiums fell in the first half of 1994, mainly because of a weak British market for insurance products, but it described its worldwide investment-product sales as "buoyant."

#### E. D. & F. Man to Seek London Stock Listing

LONDON -E. D. & F. Man Group, the British commodity-trading and fund-management company, said Thursday it would seek a listing on the London Stock Ex-change in late September, valuing the con-cern at around £450 million (\$696 million).

The board of Man believes that a listing of the group's ordinary shares will provide it with additional flexibility in the medium term to finance its planned growth," Harvey McGrath, managing di-

The equity issue is expected to raise £80 million and put 30 percent of the company in public hands.

Man's common-stock equity is owned by about 100 of its senior managers. "It is intended that at listing, the group's management will hold a majority of the group," Mr. McGrath said.

Around 250 million shares are expected to be issued to the current shareholders. Mr. McGrath said that after the repayment of preference shares, £35 million to £40 million of "new money" out of the \$80

million would be left to invest in commodity processing expansion and possible acquisiions in the fund-managment industry.

"We are seeing huge numbers of oppor-tunities in Eastern Europe, in say cocoa processing, " said Stanley Fink, group finance director.

Man is a leading international trader in sugar, cocoa and coffee and owns British Cocoa Mills, one of the largest specialist cocoa processors in Europe.

(Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

#### EARNINGS: IBM, Caterpillar Post Strong 2nd-Quarter Performances

Continued from Page 9 and profit" in 1994, Caterpillar

The company "is firmly com-mitted to doing whatever is nec-essary to continue operating our plants," Donald Fites, the

U.S. sales jumped to \$1.81

billion from \$1.44 billion, driv- States, while sales in the Middle by revenue increases in its tien by rising demand and price East region continued to drop.

Despite a weak dollar, inter-

national sales rose 23 percent, to \$1,68 billion. Results were buoyed by rising demand in Latin America and the Commonwealth of Independent

After years of cost-cutting, Caterpillar is having to add employees to keep up production. At the end of the second quarter, the company's headcount

> from 50,109 a year ago, with most of the new employees in its hourly ranks. • AT&T Corp. said its secondquarter net income rose 12 per-cent, to \$1.13 billion, from

Sales outside the United States

represented 48 percent of the

nancial services and equipment operations as well as a return to profitability for its computer unit. Bloomberg Business News reported from New York.

 McDonald's Corp. secondquarter earnings fell just short of expectations, hampered by adverse currency fluctuations and weak economies in Japan had risen 5.1 percent to 52.712 and weak economies in Japan and Europe, Knight-Ridder reported from Chicago. McDonald's reported second-quarter earnings of \$565.7 million. compared with 1993's 507.1 million, on sales of \$2,029 billion, compared with \$1.877 bil-\$1.01 billion a year ago, paced lion

Thursday's Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect the trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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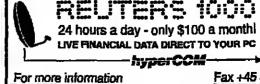
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# Bank Negara Investigates United Malayan Lending

KUALA LUMPUR - United Malayan Banking Corp., Malaysia's fourth-largest bank, is being investigated for alleged lending irregularities, a Finance Ministry official said Thursday.

Bank Negara, the central bank, had been monitoring United Malayan's operations for some time, said the official, requesting anonymity. Bank Nogara refused to comment.

United Malayan, which last week announced plans to seek a listing on the local bourse, is 60 percent controlled by Danuk Keramat Holdings Bhd.

Datuk Keramat is believed to have used United Malayan to indirectly finance a 107.3 million ringgit acquisition last year of a controlling interest in George

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BOMBAY — India's largest business con-

glomerate, Tata, is in turmoil as its leader strug-gles to defuse reports of a takeover bid on his flagship company, Tata Iron & Steel Co.

Ratan Tata, 57, the chairman of Tata Iron.

India's biggest private steelmaker, on Wednes-day night denied in a signed statement that he

told a magazine that an expatriate Indian corpo-

Mr. Tata said he had "no specific knowledge of

The interview quoted Mr. Tata as saying: "The

threat is from a nonresident Indian predator. We

do have specific information confirming our

any takeover plans" for Tata Iron & Steel, adding

that his remarks in an interview with Business

rate raider was stalking Tata Iron.

Today magazine had been misinterpreted.

group. Banking laws prohibit fi-nancial institutions from lending to related companies.

Late on Wednesday, Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad ordered an investigation and called for punitive action against those found involved in questionable loans and other aleged irregularities. "The matter should be probed by the central bank," Mr. Mahathir said in the northern state of Penang.

United Malayan and Datuk Keramat are under the chairmanship of Mohamed Noor Yusof, a former political secre-tary of Mr. Mahathir and a pois also finance minister.

Datuk Keramat, a tin-smelting company, acquired its stake in United Malayan for 600 mil-Town Holdings Bhd., a retailing lion ringgit (\$240 million).

sources, the probe into United Malayan centred on the role of a lawyer and businessman, Tay Chiow Kee - neither a shareholder nor an executive of the bank - in bank operations since it was acquired by Datuk Keramat a year ago.

Analysts said the allegations have come at an unfortunate time for the bank, which appeared on the road to recovery after years of controversy and financial mishaps.

Last week it announced a 146 hitical ally of the deputy prime percent jump in group pretax minister, Anwar Ibrahim, who profit, to 190.7 million ringgit, for the year to January, and unveiled plans for a stock offering within 18 months. The bank has 73 branches and has obtained approval for 24 more.

Tata Tries to Defuse Takeover Rumor fears. But I cannot say more than that at this stage." But on Wednesday, he said, "I have to arrange for the sale of the remaining 11.45 percent. state categorically that these statements attributed to me are factually incorrect." In his statement Wednesday, Mr. Tata said he

The retailer said the brokerage concern Barclays de Zoete Wedd Australia Ltd. had expressed confidence it could find buyers.

The news dominated trading Thursday on the Australian stock market, where Coles Myer ended at 4.29 dollars, down 2 cents, shares after jumping 21 cents on rumors of the deal earlier in

(AFP, AFX)

## Coles Myer to Buy 10% of Its Shares As Kmart Divests

Mr. Lew said. "While we are

sorry to see Kmart go as a

shareholder, it is good news

that the shares are returning

Sehroders Anstralia,

Kmart's local financial advis-

er, said the company had

made its decision at a board

meeting in Troy, Michigan, on Tuesday and would invest the proceeds from the stock

sale in its U.S. operations.

Kmart, the second-largest

U.S. retailer, has been under

pressure to raise funds since

its plans to sell a stake of 20

percent to 30 percent in its

specialty stores for between

\$600 million and \$900 mil-

lion was rejected in a share-

said rumors that it would sell

its Coles Myer stake were in-

After the defeat, Kmart

Coles will retain all rights

(Reuters, AFX)

to the Kmart trade name in

Australia and New Zealand

holder vote last mouth.

correct and unfounded.

to Australia."

man, Solomon Lew, said the SYDNEY - Coles Myer transaction, by climinating 10 percent of the company's Ltd. said Thursday it would buy back about 10 percent shares from the market, of its shares from Kmart would "significantly bene-Corp., after the American fit" Coles shareholders by lifting earnings per share retailer announced it was selling its entire 21.45 per-cent stake in Australia's bigand eliminating "uncertainty about Kmart's commitment" to its holding. gest retailer. "Essentially, we are buy-ing back part of the farm,"

The country's biggest stock buyback in its history, with an indicated value of 1.26 billion Australian dollars (\$926 million), divides Kmart's stake in Melbourne-based Coles into two parcels, ending a 26-year re-lationship between the companies and freeing Kmart to focus on its core operations in the United States.

Coles said it would buy the 10 percent stake from Kmart at 4.55 Australian dollars a share, for a total of 587 million dollars. It will then cancel those shares and

the day.

The Coles Myer chair-

## Bapindo Figure Is Sentenced

JAKARTA -- A court handed down the first sentence in the Bapindo banking scandal Thursday, ordering a bank executive official to prison for nine years, while prosecutors demanded life imprisonment for the affair'sleading figure.

"You have been found guilty of corruption," Chief Justice Soedjatman said in sentencing Maman Suparman, a junior executive of PT Bank Pembangunan Indonesia, or Bapindo. Judge Pieter Purba, one of two assisting judges, said the defen-dant had "helped cause losses to the state of \$174.8 million."

He was convicted of unlawfully converting 12 irrevocable letters of credit for the businessman Eddy Tansil, the central figure in the case, between December 1989 and May 1992. His lawyer said he would appeal the verdict. Mr. Tansil was subsequently able to transfer the funds out of the country.

In another Jakarta court-

room, prosecutors said Mr. Tansil should be sentenced to life imprisonment, be fined

\$370 million and lose his assets. Mr. Suparman and Mr. Tansil are two of six people facing trial over \$450 million of losses incurred by Bapindo on letters of credit extended to Mr. Tansil's Golden Key group.

Mr. Suparman, who was also found guilty of accepting \$140,000 in bribes, was fined 15 million rupiah (\$7,000) and will have his house and land seized

#### Hong Kong Panel Silent on Bad Bids

HONG KONG - A Hong Kong panel reviewing government rules for land anctions made only minor proposals in its initial findings and left a controversial issue - rigged bidding by consortiums - untouched.

One panelists conceeded the initial report contained nothing particularly new. but said there "could be some quite significant changes" in a second report.

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#### Very briefly:

France is to cancel or reschedule nearly \$500 million in debt owed by Vietnam and will almost double aid to its former colony for this year from \$47 million.

Topgroup Holdings Ltd. of Malaysia signed an agreement to buy Dunham-Bush Inc. and DB Holdings, two U.S. companies in the beating and refrigeration industry, for \$41.57 million.

 Duracell Inc. plans to manufacture rechargeable nickel hydride batteries in the United States in a joint venture with Toshiba Battery Co. of Japan and Varta Batterie AG of Germany. · Mazda Motor Corp. of Japan raised domestic motor-vehicle production by 12.4 percent from the figure a year earlier, to 88,413

vehicles in June, the first increase in 21 months. Sime Darby Bhd. of Malaysia, the diversifted conglomerate, said

it made a friendly cash bid of £21.7 million (\$33.6 million) for Lec Refrigeration PLC. Taiwan's export ratio to its gross national product fell to a 22-

year low, 39.76 percent, in the first quarter because of its transformation to a consumption-oriented economy, a government agen-AP. AFP. Bloombers

#### **Aluminum Curbs to Remain**

CANBERRA - Major alu-

pledged on Thursday 10 continpleaged on Inursacy to continue a round of voluntary produc-tion cuts agreed to in March.

But the participants said in a tion cuts agreed to in March, which has brought the industry back from the brink of collapse.

here, 35 goverment representatives from Australia, the United

build confidence in the alumiminum-producing countries num market, which was in crisis last year as a global oversupply

communiqué that the market situation was still delicate. While there are first indica-After a two-day meeting tions of a decline in inventories, inventories are still historically high, pointing to a continuing States, the European Union, irabalance between supply and Norway, Canada and Russia demand," the communique said.

#### The announcement was conservative, that demand Wednesday to expand produc- E Hyundai Strike Violence SEOUL — Pohang Iron & Steel Co. has disclosed an ambiwould exceed supply by 10 miltion capacities. made Wednesday, one day after Hyundai Pipe Co., which has lion tons by the end of the de-Han Bo Steel & General been dependent on POSCO as a cade and that any surplus sup-Construction Co. said it would tious plan to expand its production capacity, putting it in com-petition with the Hyundai Ministry of Trade, Industry and ply would be snapped by buyers build a steel plant to produce 2. in China. million tons of hot-rolled coils and 1.5 million tons of cold-rolled coils, Dongkuk Steel Mill Hyundai has long wanted to

had in response to a "casual query" from the

interviewer indicated "hostile takeovers could

not be ruled out" in India's recently liberalized

to who might possibly be interested in taking

over a company like Tata Steel, I made a general

statement that it could be a multinational corpo-

ration or a foreign steel company with strategie

interests or a nonresident Indian who had the

funds and the interest in owning Tata Steel."

"In response to a further query," he said, "as

group of companies' plan to an integrated iron and

POSCO, the world's secondlargest steelmaker, said it would Hyundai plan, saying it feared invest \$18.5 billion to expand an oversupply of steel would its capacity by 5.8 million met-result. Hyundai, in response, ments, other South Korean ric tons, to 28 million tons, by

Energy of its plan to enter the

The ministry quickly expressed its disapproval of the

POSCO, Countering Hyundai, Plans to Add Capacity

own a steel mill to free itself from dependence on POSCO. analysts in Seoul said.

lion tons by 1997, and Kang-won Industries Ltd. and Union Steel Manufacturing Co. said said the ministry's predictions steel companies also announced they, too, were drawing up exof demand for steel were too plans at an industry seminar pansion plans.

(Reuters, AFP)

Striking workers at Hyundai

manning the barricades in

Heavy Industries Co. on Thursday forced their way through barricades into the company's shipyard at Ulsan, defying a lockout by management, news agencies reported. Co. said it had started a project The move by the strikers trigto increase capacity to 2.4 milgered a clash with company executives and security guards

> which five people were injured. (AFP, Reuters)

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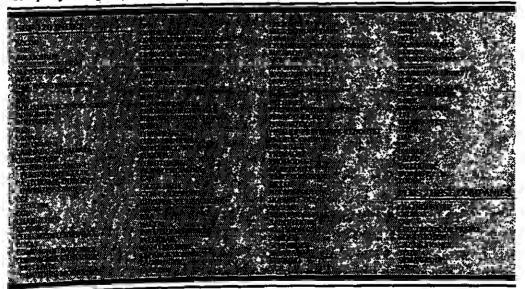
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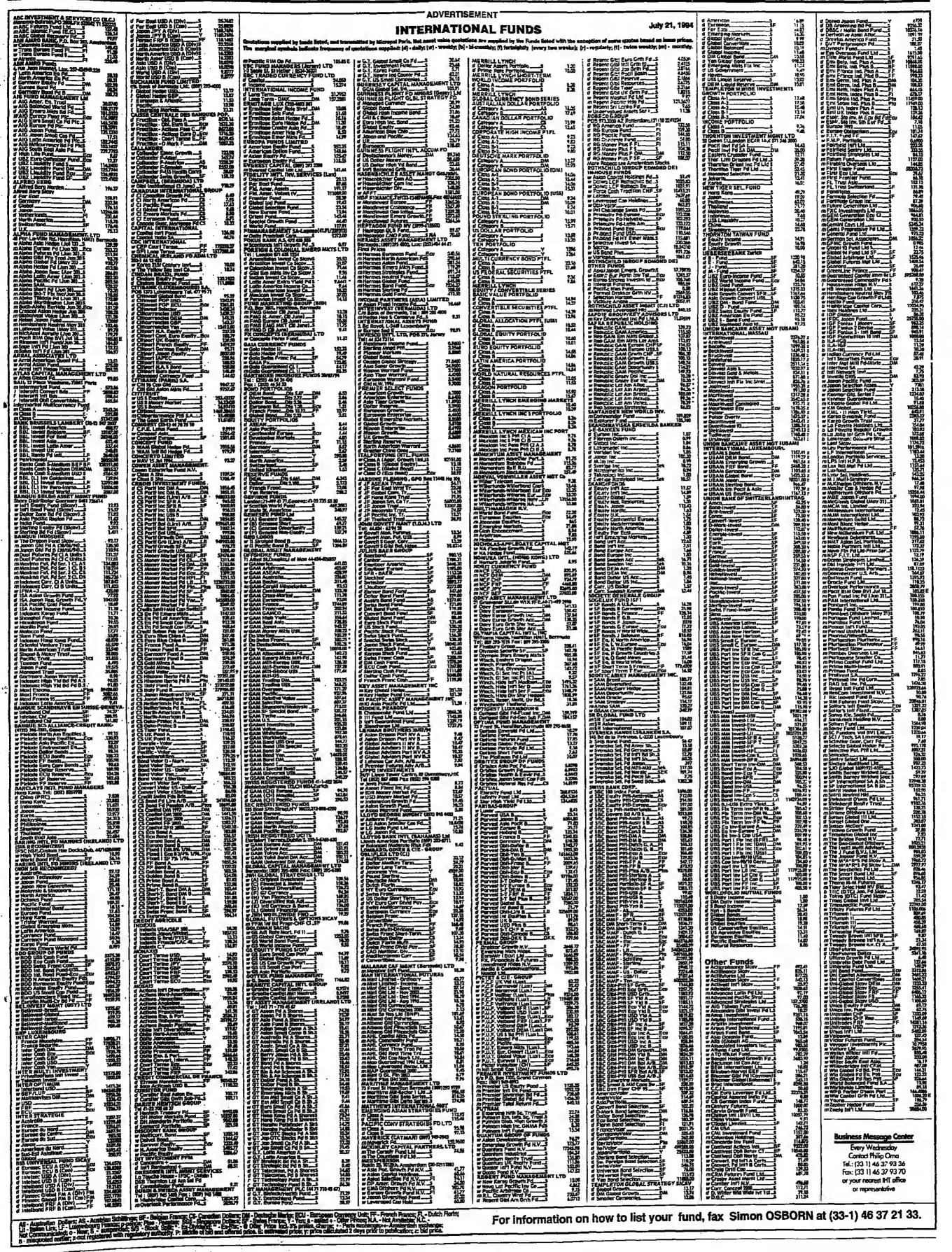
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# **SPORTS**

## 2 Undone Duties Spark Rangers' Undoing of the Indians

The Texas Rangers acquired Manuel Lee to play the infield. oot to hit. The Cleveland Indians got Jeff Russell to close out games, oot to blow saves.

Neither fulfilled their assigned tasks Wednesday night, much to the delight of the

Lee, who had only 18 homers since 1985, hit a three-run shot off Russell in the ninth to tie the

#### AL ROUNDUP

game [1-1]. Texas went on to beat Cleveland 13-11 in 14 innings on Joan Gonzalez's tworun homer in Cleveland. "I got lucky and hit the ball out of the park," Lee said.

He also got lucky just by getting to the plate in the ninth.
"We were talking about hitting Will Clark for Manny, and I said, 'No I don't want to.'"

Manager Kevin Kennedy said. "I didn't know Manny would hit a home run, hut I knew he would have a good at bat. He's been hitting well with men in scoring position all year. It worked out."

The homer was Lee's first in 321 at bats since last Sept. 3.

## Gravity Check? Falling Dome Stops Seattle Games

SEATTLE - From the city that hrought you the raioed-out National Basketball Association game, oow comes the major-league baseball homestand cut short by gravity.

Officials announced Wednesday that six American League games would not be played in the Kingdome this week because of the threat that more ceiling insulation tiles could fall on fans or players.

Four tiles dropped Tuesday, prompting postponement of a Seattle Mariners game against the Baltimore Orioles. Uowilling to risk the possibility of more insulation crashing down, Wednesday's Seattle-Balti-

Russell, meanwhile, blew his

fourth save of the year - his

first for Cleveland. He was ac-

quired from Boston last month.

sixth pitcher, yielded a one-out single in the 14th hy Jose Can-

seco - his fourth hit - before

Gonzalez drove the winning

home run into the bleachers in

left. Gonzalez also homered in

Larry Casian, the Indians'

more doubleheader — which included a makeup of Tuesday's game - also was postponed, and a four-game series Thursday through Sunday against the Red Sox was shifted to Fenway Park in Boston.

Kingdome officials called in engineers Wednesday to try to determine why four tiles fell from the ceiling oearly 180 feet (55 meters) up into the stands behind home plate oo Tuesday. No ooe was hurt in the mishap, but it

forced the first cancellation of a sporting event in the dome's 18-year history. On Jan. 5, 1986, an indoor NBA game between the SuperSonics and Phoenix Suns was called when rain leaked through the roof of the Seattle Coliseum.

started 31/2 hours after the Tex-

dians had finished.

Wednesday, team officials announced that the Red Sox series would be played in Boston, with Seattle considered the visitor. The Mariners said they would have preferred to play in one of the nearby Triple-

A Pacific Coast League stadiums.

The teams will play Friday, a double-header on Saturday, and Sunday. The Mariners' next scheduled homestand begins Aug. 2 against the California Angels. The two postponed Baltimore-Seattle games are expected to be made up at the end of the season if they play a part in the division races. The Orioles are in second place behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and the Mariners are 16 games

under 500 in the AL West.

The teams combined for only Steve Howe pitched the ninth five hits, two by New York and for his 11th save. three by the A's. The game

Ontiveros, who entered the ame undefeated as a starter as-Cleveland game and was over before the Rangers and Inthis season, struck out two, walked one and hit two batters in pitching his first complete game of the season.

sixth time in seven decisions. McDowell struck out nine in his second shutout this season and third complete game. Darrin Jackson hit a solo homer, his 10th, as the White Sox won their fourth straight to open a two-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central.

Angels 8, Red Sex 4: Bo Jackson and Chili Davis hit solo homers and Spike Owen had three hits and two RBIs to lead California past visiting Boston.

The Angels won their fifth straight against Boston, getting 5½ strong innings from Phil Leftwich before Russ Springer went the rest of the way for his first major-league save.

Brewers 11. Royals 1: In Mil-

waukee, Jose Valentin hit his first major league grand slam and Matt Mieske drove in three runs for the Brewers, who scored five times off Kansas City's Tom Gordon with two

outs in the sixth.

Blue Jays 9, Twins 2: Ed
Sprague homered and tied his
career-high with four RBIs and Perez pitched eight imnings and got his fifth straight victory. The right-hander struck oot five and walked one before with the season.

White Sox 3, Tigers 6: In Juan Guzman pitched eight strong innings, allowing Minnepotent pitched a six-hitter for his 10th sota only five hits in Toronto.

## What's the Count? It's Only a Beep Away

By Barnaby J. Feder New York Times Service

CHICAGO - The Toronto Blue lays, winners of last year's World Series, may be struggling this season. But the hand-held wireless monitor that Motorola Inc. built to help fans scattered across Canada track the progress of each Jays

game has been a hit this season and last. Now the Chicago White Sox figure their fans deserve the same high-tech lifeline, so Motorola showed up at Comiskey. Park for a game Tuesday against the Detroit Tigers to announce the immediate availability of the first American

announce the immediate availability of the first variation of the device, called the Sports Trax.

The 3.5-ounce (100-gram) device, about the size of a pocket-calculator, has a small liquid crystal display screen that uses text and a diagram of a baseball diamond to indicate the name of the team the Sox are playing, which team is at bat, the imming how many are out, where the base runners are and the score.

All the data are on a two-minute delay, to give a statistician the posts bor a chance to enter the information into the in the press box a chance to enter the information into the computer for dissemination over Motorola's paging network.

The device and the broadcasts to it for all regular and postseason games through 1997 will cost \$149.

Motorola hopes eventually to strike deals with all the majorleague baseball teams to provide Sports Trax to their fans. Like other pagers, the wireless device can issue "andible alerts," otherwise known as noise to neighbors in restaurants. theaters and so forth. In this case, though, the varied sounds indicate things like the end of an inning or a home run. It was not known whether the Sports Trax would issue a long gagging noise if the players go on strike.

# A Galaxy of Cup Stars in Italy

#### An Array of Players Will Light Up Soccer's Top League

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches A galaxy of soccer stars who sparkled at the World Cup have joined Italian first-divisioo clubs to test their skills in what is widely regarded as the world's best soccer league.

The league, woo by AC Milan for the past three seasons. had a face-lift during the World Cup as rosters were shuffled and foreign stars were signed in a busy transfer campaign that officially end-

Nearly a dozen oewcomers have either signed with firstdivision clubs or are close to

They include Jürgen Klinsmann of Germany, the only star to have already played in Italy, and Fredy Rincon of Colombia, whose country crashed out of the World Cup finals after the first round.

Rincon will guide a rewhich acquired the midfielder from Brazil's Palmeiras after trading the Uruguayan forward Daniel Fonseca and Jonas Thern, Sweden's captain, to AS Roma.

Roma, which risked relega-tion last year, will field one of the league's most restructured squads, with Fonseca and Abel Balbo of Argentina up front and Thern in midfield. Napoli, which signed Rincon to a three-year deal, have

defender Andre Cruz from Belgium's Standard Liège and the French midfielder Alaio Boghossiao from Olympique Marseille.

Klinsmann, who scored four goals in the Uoited States and was a member of Germany's triumpbant 1990 team, will return to Italy with Genoa if a deal to send the Czech striker Tomas Skuhravy to Leeds of England goes through, according to sources at Genoa.

Klinsmann, who played for Mooaco last season, left Internazionale in 1992 after three seasons.

Brescia is expected to transfer the Romanian star forward Gheorghe Hagi to Barcelona. A Brescia spokesman said the club was reluctant to release Hagi but that officials were oegotiating with Barcelona to satisfy the Romanian, who has received a lucrative three-year offer from the Spanish side.

The spokesman said Brescia would sign another Ro-manian, probably Steaua Bucharest's llie Domitrescu, whose two goals against Argentina powered Romania to the World Cup quarterfinals.

African ocwcomers to the league include Sunday Olisch, a midfielder on the Nigerian World Cup team, and Abedi Ayew, a Ghanaian forward who should add some zip to Torino's attack. Olisch

has joined Reggiana, which barely avoided relegation, from Standard Liège.

It overcame the Indians' sec-

ond five-homer performance in

two nights. Albert Belle, Eddie

Murray, Jim Thome, Paul Sor-

rento and Wayne Kirby ho-mered for Cleveland.

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Perez outdueled Steve Onti-

veros and New York's Mike

Stanley hit a solo homer for the

game's only run.

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Juventus, runner-up last season and home of the Ital-ian star Roberto Baggio, signed the Sporting Lisbon midfieder Paolo Sousa in April. The Turin team also acquired the Frenco midfielder Didier Deschamps from Marseille.

The Benfica midfielder Rui Costa has joined promoted Fiorentina, while a third Portuguese player. Fernando Couto, should shore up the back three at Parma, which picked up the defender from

Italian oews reports said Padova was trying to sign the U.S. defender Alexi Lalas if it failed to sign Sweden's Jo-achim Bjorklund. Padova has declined to comment.

But the U.S. team's general manager, Bill Nuttall, said Coventry City of Eng Premier League was interested in Lalas, whose contract with the U.S. team expires Oct. 31. He said Coventry's coach, Phil Neal, and chairman, Bryan Richardson, had met last week in Los Angeles with Lalas, 24.

Another American player, the forward Joe-Max Moore, has been sent to Saarbrucken of the German second division oo a one-season loan.

(Reuters, AP)



Sammy Sosa connecting for one of his two home runs in Chicago's 9-8 victory in Denver.

## **Expos Stay Perfect Against the Padres**

there is a tight race in the National League East.

The Montreal Expos and Atlanta Braves are virtually tied for the NL East lead thanks in large part to their respective

#### -- NL ROUNDUP

play against one opponent: Montreal is 12-0 against San Diego while Atlanta is 3-9 against Pittsburgh.

Take away those two mat-chops and Atlanta is nine games better than Montreal. The bad news for the Expos heading into the last 70-odd games of the season is that both series are finished.

Montreal completed its sweep of San Diego and ran its two-seasoo record against the Padres to 22-2 with a 5-2 victory Wednesday night in Montreal. Pittsburgh, a foil of the Braves only a couple years ago, beat the Braves 5-4

Moises Alou's bases-loaded RBI single off Andy Benes in the fifth broke a 2-2 tie, and Wil Cordero's two-run homer, his. 14th, made it 5-2 in the sixth.

Pirates 5, Braves 4: The bottom of the Pirates' batting order produced all five runs in Pittsburgh. Tom Foley singled in the head run after Don Slaught, who was 3-for-3, doubled; starting pitcher Danny Neagle drove in three runs to set the stage for

Paul Wagner to win it. Martins 8, Reds 7: In Cincin-

nati, Gary Sheffield hit the first Thanks to the San Diego Pa-dres and Pittsburgh Pirates, a two-run shot in the eighth a two-run shot in the eighth Sheffield's franchise-record

21st homer bounced off the top of the wall in center field to put the Marlins ahead 7-6. His run-scoring forceout in the ninth scored the eventual deciding run as Florida snapped a fivegame losing streak.

Cabs 9, Rockies 8: Mark Grace had four hits and three doubles, the last a two-run shot in the eighth to give Chicago a a, three-game sweep in Denver. With the score tied 7-7 in the

eighth, pinch-hitter Tuffy Rhodes singled with one out off Steve Reed and moved to second on a walk to Mike Maksudian. Grace followed with a' double, giving to give the Cubs a 9-7 lead. Mets 5, Dodgers 4: Io New York, Bobby Bouilla hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the

third inning, his 16th of the season, and Bret Saberhagen beat Los Angeles for the third time Astros 2, Cardinals 0: Greg Swindell and John Hudek combined on a five-hitter, and Chris Donnels broke a scoreless tie:

with an RBI double in the sixth in Houston. Swindell give up all five St. Louis hits in eight innings and struck out six. Hudek got his 16th save in 17 chances.

Glants 9, Phillies 2: In Phila-delphia, Mike Benjamin drove in a career-high four runs as. San Francisco won for the 10th

time in 11 games.

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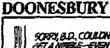
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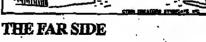






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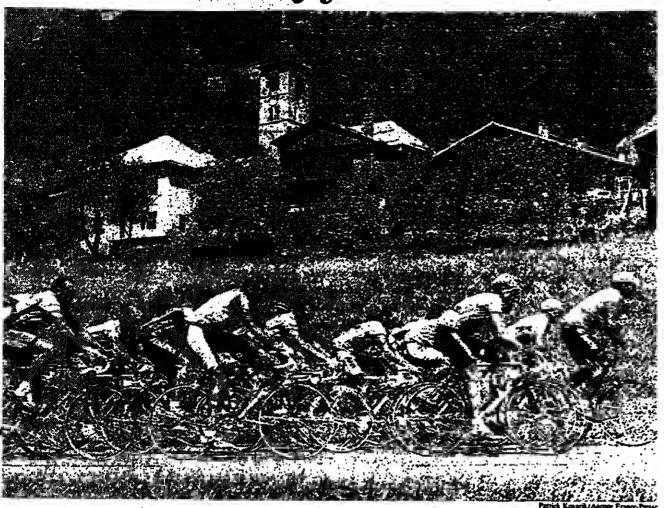




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# On a Grand Day for a Picnic, a Latvian Cyclist Triumphs Grandly



The Tour de France pack passing a village near Cluses on Thursday during the third of four daily stages in the Alps.

By Samuel Abt International Herald Tribune CLUSES, France - Piotr

Urgumov learned his lesson and so did Miguel Indurain and Richard Virengue.

They all proved that Thursday as the Tour de France completed its third of four daily stages in the Alps, climbing three hig mountains and preparing for the individual time trial Friday that should decide who will stand second and third below Indurain when the bicycie race ends Sunday afternoon in Paris.

Ugrumov, a Latvian who rides for the Gewiss team, intruded into the handful of contenders by racing away to an easy victory on the 18th stage, a 174.5-kilometer (108.5-mile) sunt from Montiers to Cluses. A day after he was beaten for the stage victory in a two-man sprint, Ugrumov had the sense to ride alone to the finish.

By completing the stage 2 minutes 39 seconds ahead of the second-placed Indurain, the Latvian jumped from sixth place overall to third. His time was 4 hours 52 minutes 19 seconds, an hourly average of 35.8 kilometers.

Indurain, a Spaniard who rides for Banesto, similarly profited from Wednesday's experience of being overtaken in

que one second behind.

Eating dust or not, Virenque was content with third place for the stage. A Frenchman who rides for Festina, he tightened his hold on second place overall finishing 45 seconds ahead his main rival, Marco Pantani, an Italian with Carrera.

Pantani, who fell to fourth ace from third, gamed 1:29 on Virenque on Wednesday by surprising him on the final

Although there was plenty of climbing Thursday, the last 20 kilometers from the 1613-meter-high (5,322-foot-high) peak the Colombière were all downhill. Virenque used that terrain to pull away from the Italian, who is too light at 123 pounds (about 55 kilograms) to be an overly speedy descender.

So, with the 47.5-kilometer uphill time trial facing the Tour's remaining 119 riders Friday, Indurain is secure in the overall lead by 7:22 over Viren-que, who is 1:33 ahead of Urgumov, who is 2 seconds ahead of Pantani, who is 32 seconds ahead of Luc Leblanc.

Indurain, Pantani and Virenque, in that order, should be the favorites in the time trial to the resort of Morzine-Avoriaz.

Lehlanc, a Frenchman who the meaningless sprint for rides for Festina and has the fourth place by the vainglorious suicidal habit of attacking and Virenque. In the same mono a wasting his energy the day be-

away and twice he was caught before he flatted on the final done around the country by descent and lost enough time to Sunday during the three weeks fall from fourth place overall to of the Tour.

day and Armand De Las Cue- of ham, the crusty bread, the ama who ranked as high as third on Monday. Suffering with a heavy chest cold and demoted to 17th place overall

ing breeze: What a grand day it was for a picnic or a bicycle race and what a grander day for

both together. in the stage.

Parking their car below a cow pasture full of mauve wild-an rode fast enough to make flowers, choosing a spot with a certain he had no companion to view of the climbing riders snatch away his victory. Arms through willow and fir trees and aloft in solitary glory, he unpacking a table, two chairs cruised in just about the time and a hamper of food and wine, Pointet and Grundet, that hap-

They were doing exactly tif for dinner

mano. Big Mig turned on the fore a time trial, was at it again what hundreds of thousands of hurners this time and left Viren on this stage. Twice he bolted people did Thursday in the Alps and what millions will have

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The couple saw only a small Other casualties included the part of the stage, of course. As six riders who quit during the they passed the pate, the slices vas, a Frenchman with Castor- pickles and the red wine between them, they saw the pack pursuing the first of many hreakaways.

Peter De Clerco, a Belgian on Wednesday, he did not start with Lotto, and Davide Casthe proceedings. He missed sani, an Italian with GB-MG, were the fuginives on that first A few puffy clouds in a pale climh. After they were caught, hlue sky, a healing sun, a cool- dozens of other riders gave it a

All through the afternoon. the pack was in such a frisky mood that even such dormant Acting on that theory. Con- teams as Motorola and Novèstant Pointet, a worker in a mail had riders in attacks. charcoal factory, and his ap- Ugrumov made his winning prentice fiancée, Denise Grun- move on the second climb, the det, a cleaning woman, drove Croix-Fry Pass, 1467 meters up toward the Saisies Peak, high and populated by lawless high and populated by lawless 1633 meters high and the first of hooligans who hurled buckets the three first-category climbs of water at and into reporters' cars preceding the riders.

On the final climb, the Latvithe couple settled down for a pycouple, would have been tak-

## Spain Sweeps Ahead in Federation Cup

FRANKFURT - Spain, the defending champion, swept into the quarterfinals of the Federation Cup on Thursday with a 3-0

victory over Argentina. The United States, Bulgaria and Austria also reached the

Conchita Martinez, the Wimbledou champion, put the Spaniards ahead after fighting off a spirited counterattack by Patricia Tarabini in the first singles. Tarabini won a secondset tiebreaker, 8-6, to level their clash at one set each but Martinez stormed back in the final set

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario eas-

ily beat Florencia Labat, 6-1, 6last eight. Marie Angeles Montolio and Neus Avila then cruised past Florencia Labat and Bettina Fulco-Villella in the doubles, 6-1, 6-4.

The second-seeded Americans now face No. 8 Austria, which put an end to Australia'a title hopes.

Mary-Joe Fernandez led the United States toward victory with an easy 6-1 4-1 triumph over Canada's Helen Kelesi, who retired with a thigh injury. Lindsay Davenport followed up by crushing Pairicia Hy, 6-2, 6-4. In the doubles, the Ameri-

cans Gigi Fernandez and Zina

Garrison Jackson stopped Jill Australian team of Elizabeth 4, to ensure Spain's place in the Hetherington and Rene Simpson-Alter, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3). Bulgaria, seeded sixth, routed Indonesia. Magdalena Malecva

beat Yayuk Basuki, 6-3, 6-3, and her sister, Katerina, defeated Romana Tedjakusuma, 6-2, 6-1. The Bulgarians completed the rout in the doubles, as Lubomira Bacheva and Svetlana Krivencheva easily stopped Romana Tedjakusuma Yuyuk and Basuki, 6-1, 6-3.

Australia, last year's losing finalist, was eliminated by Austria, with Petra Ritter beating Rachel McQuillan, 6-4, 6-1, and Judith Wiesner sweeping aside Cup, Agence France-P Kristine Radford, 6-0, 6-3. The ported from Frankfurt.

Smylie and Rennae Stubbs won Barbara Schett, 6-2, 6-3.

#### ■ Graf Disappoints ITF

International Termis Federation officials expressed disap-pointment on Thursday when they learned that Steffi Graf, the world's top-ranked women's player, had decided to play an exhibition tournament in the United States this week after declining to play in the Federation Cup, Agence France-Presse re-

## St. Petersburg Gets Games Face-Lift

ST. PETERSBURG - With just two days to go before the start of the 16-day Goodwill Games, frantie work was still going on Thursday to get the venues ready for the first major sports event in post-Soviet Russia.

"At other hig events some things have always been done at the last minute, but the difference here is that MOST things are being done that way," said the president of the Games, Jack Kelly.

Nowhere was the race to make the deadline more urgent than at the SKA indoor swimming pool, where the 50-meter freestyle duel between the American Tom Jager and the Russian Alexander Popov kicks off the competition

Hundreds of soldiers were installing windows, painting walls and laying walkways. The pool was filled with hrackish

water and the building recked of paint. Workers were paving a parking lot and putting up billboards at the Petrovsky stadium, site of the track and field competition, which will feature stars such as the American sprinters Carl Lewis and

Critics have predicted an organizational disaster in a city reeling from economie problems since the collapse of the Soviet Union. But Kelly said the Russians would

have everything ready on time. "Certainly the city will be ready when the Games start, but it's going to be ready on its schedule," he said. "We had

Leroy Burrell and the Ukrainian polevaulter Sergei Bubka.

a desirable schedule, but the schedule was to finish just in time for the Games, not a bit earlier."

More than 2,000 athletes from 55 countries will be competing in 24 sports. The field includes at least 60 Olympic medalists, 30 world champions and 15 world record-holders.

These are the third Goodwill Games, which were created in the mid-1980s hy the American entrepreneur Ted Turner. The first two, held in Moscow in 1986 and in Seattle in 1990, saddled Turner Broadcast Systems with combined losses of more than \$60 million.

Officials had hoped to break even on the St. Petershurg Games, but Kelly said there would be another financial loss.

#### SIDELINES

#### Shula Deal With Dolphins Reported

DAVIE, Florida (AP) — Don Shula is expected to sign a contract extension that would give him the option to coach the National Football League's Miami Dolphins through the 1996 seasou or take another job with the team, The Miami Herald reported Thursday.

The contract is estimated to be worth up to \$4 million, depending on whether Shula decides to continue coaching, the newspaper reported. The Herald said that if Shula decided to leave coaching before the contract expired, he would be guaranteed an executive position that might include minority ownership. A news conference to announce the deal was tentatively set for later Thursday,

the newspaper said. Shula, 64, declined to comment Wednesday after a report by the Sun-Sentinel in Fort Landerdale said the team's owner, H. Wayne Huizenga, would hold a news conference Thursday. Last week, Shula said he hadn't decided whether to continue coaching bevond this season. His contract expires after this year.

#### Cyclist's Family Seeks Murder Probe

PAU, France (AP)—The family of the late Spanish cyclist Luis Ocana on Thursday demanded a wider investigation into the champion's death in May, rejecting the official finding that the cause was suicide.

Ocana's mother and her children noted that Ocana, who was right-handed, had received a gunshot wound to the left temple. The family filed a complaint demanding that an investigating magistrate widen his probe to focus on possible suspects. Ocana, 49, was found with a gunshot wound to the head in his home in the southern town of Caupenne d'Armagnac on May 19 and died at a

hospital. His body was cremated after an autopsy.

"We never believed in the official suicide theory," said the cyclist's brother, Antoine Ocana. Referring to reports that suggested suicide motives, he added, "My brother never had cancer and he was never financially ruined."

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The condition of the Olympic treestyle skiing aerials gold medalist Lina Cherjazova, 25, was upgraded Wednesday from critical to serious, and doctors expressed hope that the Uzbekistan skier, who was injured in practice last week in Lake Placid, New

York, would fully recover.

Roger Craig, 34, the National Football League's all-time leader in pass receptions by a running back with 566, said he would retire (AP) uext month after 11 seasons.

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#### **OBSERVER**

#### **Here Comes Weather**

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Louis Allen is dead now who used to do the TV weather on Channel 9, Washington, with nothing but a crayon and a big sheet of draw-

ing paper.
That was back in the 1950s, or maybe '60s, and it's been downhill ever since for TV weather, as well as for men called Louie, which is to say they don't make 'em anymore.

To push around fronts and air masses with his drop-dead indifference to the melodrama of the skies —using nothing but a crayon! — you bad to be a genuine Louie for that.

Progress hasn't been good to TV weather watchers. All the new electronic gadgets, photos from deep space, radar-imaging machines, multicolored technically enhanced simultaneously recalibrated dew-point readings from that worrisome low-pressure area off Samoa -come on, guys, just give it to us straight from the shoulder about tomor-

row, the way Louie did. What's it mean for people who have to bve with the stuff? Umbrellas? Air-conditioning? Earmuffs?

With a few crayon strokes, Louie showed where the fronts were preparing their foul or hlissful work. Then he gave a 20-second meteorology lesson: Air moves elockwise around a high-pressure area, counter-

elockwise around a low." A few more crayon strokes produced a stick man in a straw boater, and Louie said, "A good day for outdoor activity." A stick child reading - yes, reading, not watching the tube meant you'd better plan for "in-

Good day or bad, Louie brought cheery prospects for "activity." There was no apologetic whining such as you get from the TV nowadays when

rain promises a damp weekend. This is not a lament for an unrecoverable past, but a warning to today's overequipped, state-of-the-art TV weather people. They are losing their

way in jungles of technology. They are yielding to shabby the-atrical impulses to pervert good, upright, honest weather into corny daily melodrama.

The great philosophical truth about weather was enunciated some 40 years ago by a newspaper reporter named John Carr. For the fifth consecutive day, on reporting for work at the city desk Carr was assigned to write a weather story.

Three minutes later he turned in a story which said, in its entirety, "Every day we have some weather, and today was no exception."

Nowadays we have hundreds of TV weather people who come to work every day appar-ently under the illusion that this is the first day there has ever been any weather anywhere.

Why do they want to make us feel bad? Don't they want us to be bappy about having this wonderful wind and rain and beat and ice giving us an endless supply of days for outdoor activity interspersed with plenty of days for delightful indoor activity?

Some are televised sitting in rooms packed with scientific instruments, such rooms as Dr. Frankenstein used during heavy showers to make a botch of poor old Boris Karloff. How can it fail to alarm the viewer?

What of tomorrow, TV weatherfolk? Fair and mild? Showers followed by clearing? Freezing and blustery with pos-

sible snow?
Few of them traffic much in such useful local information unless it's "Button down for hurricanes, tornadoes and ty-phoons," events that Louie Alen would have characterized as

ideal for cellar activity.

Cable's Weather Channel of course can be useful if you live in one of those Texas counties always watching for thunderstorms. Most people don't, so they have to hold a wet finger in the wind when they want to know whether the next activity will be outdoor or indoor.

New York Times Service

## An Actor's Long-Running Vietnam Role

By Ralph Blumenthal

New York Times Service

TEW YORK — Richard Hughes, fabled as the last American to leave Saigon in the 1970s, is finding that Vietnam still refuses to let go of him. And vice versa.

So he was hardly surprised when, rehearsing for an Off Off Broadway production of "The Seaguil" in 1992, he stepped off the A train at Canal Street and came face to face with the big green sign of the Kinh Do Vietnamese Restaurant.

As an omen, not to mention an eating place, it was hard to pass up. So Hughes, a 51-year-old Pius-burgh-born actor, surrendered to the lure of a bowl of pho in the same way he had given himself to Vietnam and the cause of the homeless urthins he sheltered in his Shoeshine Boys hostels in wartime Saigon a quarter of a century ago.

That's where I first met him, and as a correspondent for The New York Times in Saigon, I wrote the first piece about the Shoeshine Boys.

Since he first discovered Kinh Do ("Big City"), Hughes has come back to the restaurant for pho, a hearty rice-noodle soup with beef, and for the crispy pork and shrimp rolls called tha gio. In fact, he chose Kinh Do as the place to have lunch recently and talk about how Vietnam derailed the acting

career that he is now trying to get back on track.
He also recounted his campaign to free two former Vietnamese colleagues jailed in Ho Chi Minh City (the former Saigon) in 1990 for what the government called "anti-socialist activities," a cause that has put him more than \$35,000 in debt.

"I made a couple of copies," be began, turning up at the table in a blue work shirt and sliding into a seat. His briefcase bulged with dog-cared correspondence with Tom Cruise, Paul Newman, Robert De Niro and others who have helped his cause, newspaper clippings and fund-raising appeals, focused on the cases of Doan Than Liem, a lawyer who is reported close to release, cutting short his 12-year term, and Do Ngoc Long, an economist, freed last year and awaiting asylum in the United States.

He remembered enough Vietnamese to banter with the restaurateur, Tu Van Nguyen, a former

South Vietnamese army major who spent 10 years in Communist re-education camps and jails. Hughes would have been satisfied with a bowl of oho, but Tu would not hear of it. Nothing but the bouse special would do. Tu scurried off to see to it.

After graduating in 1965 from Carnegie Tech and two years later from the Boston University Graduate School of Drama, he started off at the Theater Company of Boston.

In 1968, as a conscientious objector, be refused the Vietnam draft, then borrowed \$1,500 to travel on his own to Saigon, where he helped found the Dispatch News Service — which distributed Seymour Hersh's exclusive on the My Lai massacre — and opened a shelter for street children called the Shoeshine Boys Project, so named because the children commonly subsisted by shining shoes.

The low-key charity was lionized in news articles. Richard Avedon took pictures, and Hughes was



Richard Hughes today, left, and in 1968 in Saigon with one of the children his project helped.

even flown hack to the States in 1974 for a surprise family reunion on "This Is Your Life," including a. tribute by the U.S. representative at the United Nations, George Bush.

By the mid-70s, Long and Liem were taking more responsibility for the charity, which expanded to eight group homes — six in Saigon and two in Danang — before they were phased out and Hughes was told to pick up his exit visa in 1976, three years after the last GIs left Vietnam and more than a year after the Communist victory reunified North and South Vietnam. The charity aided some 1,500 youngsters, mainly boys but also some girls.

In 1976, when be got back from Vietnam, he tried to restart his acting career, landing some parts in regional theaters, then a prime supporting role as Bernardo in Kevin Kline's "Hamlet" at the Public Theater in 1986, and going on to other film and theater roles.

But Vietnam was claiming his life again. In 1990, Long and Liem were arrested, along with a former American colleague, Michael Morrow, a develop-ment consultant, over their meetings with a free-lance writer who had angered the authorities.

Morrow was released after three weeks, Hughes said, but the two Vietnamese were more harshly treated, in large part, he is convinced, because of their earlier alliance with him. They were a very close threesome, he said: "You can't get any closer than taking care of a kid who dies."

The worst part of the story, Hughes continued, was having to be defensive for taking his loyalty to his friends to such lengths.

"I had to explain who these people are and why I'm doing what I'm doing," he said. "I felt there was almost something wrong here because I cared. It's been an uphill battle. People are usually not that loyal for so long."

But now, he said, "I got to the point I'm no longer apologizing for the natural thing to do." Meanwhile, he said, he passed up other acting

roles to devote time to the campaign. To carn money, he worked all night long at law firms proofreading legal briefs.

His companion, Sherry Hall, a public-school teacher, is the financial mainstay, supporting the family in an apartment in upper Manhattan. They have a daughter, Tara, almost 10.

Having reached the point that he addresses De Niro and Newman as "Dear Bob" and "Dear Paul" in his letters, Hughes is seeking their help to wipe away the \$35,000 debt. Hughes said he longed to revisit Vietnam. One of

his brothers recently traveled there and found the old Shoeshine Boys home on Pham Ngu Lau Street was crowded by hippie bikers and novelty stalls.

PEOPLE

Oscar Wilde Wins Place In Westminster Abbey

What would Oscar Wildsay. Westminster Abbey plans to honor the Irish writer, who was imprisoned for homosexushity and died in disgrace nearly a century ago. The abbey will recall his genius with a traditional plaque in a window in its Poet's Corner. The memorial will be unveiled in February on the centenary of the opening night of his comic masterpiece "The Importance Of Being Ear-

Women stripped to their bras and bartenders sprayed seltzer to cool off the crowd as Toron tonians jammed into the steamy RPM chib for a surprise show by the Rolling Stones, who are in town to warm up for their upcoming tour. (It opens Aug.)
in Washington). Mick Jagger
and company, minus the retired
bass player Bill Wyman, played new songs and old favorites for 90 minutes.

Heidi Fleiss, 28, the Holly-wood madam, is selling T-shirts and flannel boxers with a pocket for condoms at her new clothing store in Pasadena, Cal-ifornia. "Because of my trial coming up, it's good to keep busy," Fleiss says. She goes on trial Aug. 27 on charges of pandering and selling cocaine.

. 0 A 24-hour concert involving 17 nations is being planned to mark the 10th anniversary of the 1985 Live Aid charity con-cert. Colin Mediock, 43, a music producer, has founded World Aid Relief! which will organize the concert. He hopes to raise \$500 million for charity. The concert will take place July 15.

Oriella Dorella, 42, the prima ballerina at Milan's La Scala opera house, has quit after 33 years with the dance corps in a dispute with management.

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